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From the President

Now serving as your University Tour-Guide-in-Chief

University presidents play many roles.

There are times when we are asked to dive into our institution's budgets with the skill of accountants, with numbers and data spilling forth from us like computerized printouts.

We spend time with students. We listen as they tell us about their dreams for tomorrow. We position our institutions to help our students find what they do well, and prepare them for spending their life in the pursuit of doing it well.

We work to connect with our community. We encourage everyone in our region and our state toward the collective ideal of physical gateways leading into a world of collaboration, of a future that is conceived and realized together.

We spend time with donors and alumni. We find that there are sweet spots in past personal experience that can feel like poetry where our University can stir the echoes, and like the strongest of epics, bring forth the sharing of story, deep reflection, and the joy of memory.

And then there is one of my most important roles (albeit a slightly unofficial capacity relative to my job description as University President): That of Campus Golf Cart Tour Guide.

Rain or shine, in brisk days of Washoe Zephyr or on calm days with skies profoundly colored Nevada Blue, I often take guests across our campus in an electric golf cart supplied to me by our Facilities Services Division.

Our golf cart hums with near-silent efficiency. The tour, however, is anything but, as we are a kinetic campus. We are a place full of the flurry of construction. Students who hurry to and from class. Dedicated faculty who are finding the answers to the spirit and wants of our age. Hard-working and resourceful staff members who in their daily labor make our institution run smoothly and efficiently.

My tour guests are usually impressed with what they see. They should be. In many instances, it is through their generosity that many of our capital improvements, our student initiatives, and our investment in our faculty and staff, are even made possible.

In this issue of *Nevada Silver & Blue*, you will read about scores of individuals, foundations and groups that have given to our University so that we can continue to grow in order to meet the needs of our students, and of our state.

Their donations, both large and small, both monetarily and in the investment of the inspiration of spirit, are what give our campus its resounding sense of energy. This type of support will be needed even more—for continued capital improvement, for scholarships, for investment in our academic offerings and in enhancing the support this high-quality University can offer faculty and staff in the important work they do.

If one of my roles is to drive a golf cart across our campus, serving as tour guide, extolling our virtues as a research University that is steadily growing in excellence and reputation, then so be it. Ours is certainly a story of success, worth sharing often. I am deeply grateful to each and every one of our donors. Our successes would not be possible without your steadfast support. Thank you for partnering with us in building a stronger Nevada, together.

Sincerely,

Marc A. Johnson
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President Marc Johnson in his role as Campus Golf Cart Tour Guide.

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Eren Ozmen '85 MBA and Fatih Ozmen '81 M.S. (electrical engineering) are the owners of Sierra Nevada Corporation (SNC), which was ranked as the "World's Top 10 Most Innovative Companies in Space" by *Fast Company* and the "U.S. Top 10 Fastest-growing Companies" by *Inc.* Their recent \$5 million gift established the Ozmen Center for Entrepreneurship at The College of Business.

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Ozmen Center for Entrepreneurship

Moving the American Dream forward



Photo courtesy Sierra Nevada Corporation

More than 30 years ago, two young people from Turkey—then strangers—embarked on a new adventure as graduate students at the University of Nevada, Reno. Neither spoke much English nor had much in the way of financial resources, but they brought with them their determination and a dream

that launched their entrepreneurial vision into a global high-tech aviation and aerospace company.

Today, Fatih Ozmen '81 M.S. (electrical engineering) and Eren Ozmen '85 MBA own Sierra Nevada Corporation (SNC), an international aviation and aerospace engineering firm that

is designing and building airplanes and spacecraft, among many other products, services and capabilities. With a recent \$5 million gift to establish the Ozmen Center for Entrepreneurship at The College of Business, the Ozmens are paying it forward to the students at the university who helped their dreams take flight.

LEFT: Eren Ozmen '85 MBA and Fatih Ozmen '81 M.S., owners and founders of Sierra Nevada Corporation, are honored by Inc. as ranking among the top 10 of the nation's fastest-growing companies. RIGHT: University of Nevada, Reno students meet at the Ozmen Center for Entrepreneurship, which supports activities within The College of Business.

"When we arrived in the U.S. from Turkey to further our education, we didn't have any resources or connections, but we did have a powerful drive to make an impact," says Eren, SNC's president and CFO. "Today we are still both passionate about giving back, in particular to the institution that helped us fulfill our American Dream. Earning advanced degrees at Nevada shaped both our professional and personal lives. We want to be sure it can do the same for many other young people who, like us, are pursuing their dreams."

The Ozmen Center opened in September 2014. The Ozmen's vision is to encourage collaboration across educational, professional and geographic boundaries. It is open to not only University students, but also to faculty, members of the Nevada community and beyond.

"Our goal for the Ozmen Center for Entrepreneurship is to expand and nurture an entrepreneurial culture, both on campus and throughout the community," says Fatih, who serves as CEO of SNC. "We see the center as an entrepreneurial 'hub' that increases business opportunities and creates a robust exchange of ideas that stimulates job growth and benefits for our community, our state and society at large."

University President Marc Johnson says the new center gives Nevada students the opportunity to move beyond classroom learning and come together to test their ideas, work on something creative and turn their ideas into businesses. Beyond the campus borders, the center will benefit the community, region and state through the development of ideas that translate to job growth.

"Experiential learning is a really important part of creating a successful graduate who not only has the knowledge they need to excel, but the confidence to put their knowledge to work," Johnson says. "This is a tremendous contribution to what we call the entrepreneurial ecosystem of northern Nevada."

The goals of the center include inspiring idea



Photo by Theresa Danna-Douglass

creation, entrepreneurship and innovation by promoting and supporting existing entrepreneurship activities and programs; collaborating to conduct and publish entrepreneurship research; facilitating entrepreneurship academic courses, professional education and training; and supporting innovation and new enterprise that drives economic growth.

The center supports existing programs and activities within The College of Business, including an undergraduate minor in entrepreneurship open to all University majors, a graduate emphasis in entrepreneurship, the Sontag Entrepreneurship Competition and the University's Entrepreneurship Club.

"The Ozmen's investment in an innovation and entrepreneurship

culture at the University of Nevada is really incredible," says Greg Mosier, dean of The College of Business. "It's going to help move our

academic programs forward, it's going to help with the interdisciplinary programming we do all across campus, and it's going to help set the stage for economic development across the state of Nevada and the region in the coming years."

The Ozmen's credit much of their success to their education at Nevada. Fatih says the world-class faculty and a program emphasizing real-world skills helped shape who he is as both an engineer and a leader.

"Even more important, Nevada inspired me to pursue my dreams," Fatih says. "For my internship in 1981, I had the thrilling

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— President Marc Johnson



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opportunity to work on an aircraft carrier for a special project. That experience sparked my enthusiasm for aviation, and not long after that, I became the owner, with Eren, of Sierra Nevada Corporation. Today, we’re considered one of the world’s top 10 most innovative companies in aerospace, and the University of Nevada, Reno played a big part in that role.”

Eren says the MBA program from Nevada provided her with the financial skills and business savvy necessary to succeed.

“I had the confidence to become a leader at a very young age,” Eren says. “The training I received at Nevada, especially in my initial classes with Dr. Berch Berberoglu and then as a graduate assistant for Dr. Nazir Ansari, has served me very well over the years as SNC has grown with the acquisition of many other companies. Today, I’m proud to help lead a world-class company that has been recognized

as one of the country’s top-10 fastest growing private companies. I’m proud to call the University of Nevada, Reno my alma mater.”

When Eren and Fatih first acquired their business, it was a small engineering firm with 20 employees. Today, SNC is based at its Sparks headquarters, but has grown its workforce to more than 3,000 personnel with 31 locations in 17 states, and three locations in Europe. Many of their employees are University of Nevada, Reno graduates.

“Nevada grads have the skills that we—and most other companies—value most,” Eren says. “It’s not only their professional knowledge, but also the ‘softer’ skills like collaboration, communication and critical thinking, and that’s true across all disciplines. We have grads working in every area of the company, from engineering to business strategy to human resources and everywhere in between.

All of our Nevada grads share a sense of pride in their work and preparation for the challenges of the 21st century workplace. With the Ozmen Center, we hope to give many other students the training that SNC continues to benefit from every day.”

Chris Howard, director of the Ozmen Center, said the center serves as a bridge between the University and the entrepreneurial community. “We are focused on helping students and the community move their ideas into action,” Howard says.

Student Nolan Nicholson says he has been stopping by the Ozmen Center since the day it opened.

“I like that the Ozmen Center is the physical home of something that, until now, was just a loose collection of people’s ideas scattered across the University,” Nicholson says. “It truly is a center, not a place overly occupied with



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LEFT: Eren Ozmen '85 MBA and Fatih Ozmen '81 M.S. at the Homecoming Gala event in 2013 where Eren was honored with The College of Business Distinguished Alumni award. Fatih was awarded the Nevada Alumni Association Professional Achievement award in 2009. RIGHT: The Ozmen Center opened in September 2014 to encourage collaboration across educational, professional and geographic boundaries. The center is open to University students, faculty, members of the Nevada community and beyond. The center provides support for an undergraduate minor in entrepreneurship open to all University majors, a graduate emphasis in entrepreneurship, the Sontag Entrepreneurship Competition and the University's Entrepreneurship Club.

adding new events and initiatives, but a focal point for all the goings-on in the University and local community.”

Nicholson says the center has also helped him design and launch a business, Nitrair, an entrant in this year's Sontag Entrepreneurship Competition and the team's design project for chemical engineering.

“I've read and borrowed books on cold calling and business-model generation. I've had help from the center's staff in finding potential customers and people who can help us understand our market,” Nicholson says. “But most importantly, I find this place totally invigorating. I come in here bummed out about whether

our technology and our business are even remotely feasible. But being here among people with contagious energy, here with people excited to offer their support and mentorship, and here with my fellow Sontag competitors is like an instant shot in the arm.”

SNC has received numerous awards for innovation, growth and employee satisfaction, including World's Top 10 Most Innovative Companies in Space by *Fast Company*, ranking among the U.S. Top 10 Fastest-growing Companies by *Inc.* for revenue growth for billion dollar companies, ranking second on the list of the Top 50 Fastest Growing Woman-Owned Companies in North America by the

International Women Presidents' Organization and one of the Greater Reno-Tahoe Best Places to Work in 2009, 2011 and 2012.

“We are extremely proud and fortunate to count the Ozmens among the University's distinguished alumni,” Mosier says. “It has been an inspiration to follow their success story and watch them return to campus countless times to generously pay it forward.”

LOOK ONLINE
Learn more about the Ozmen Center for Entrepreneurship at ozmencenter.unr.edu

—Roseann Keegan



Building a stronger Nevada, together

By Roseann Keegan

A college education is synonymous with opportunity. It opens the door to financial independence, a choice of careers, and most of all, the chance for a better life.

These benefits extend beyond campus borders: The University of Nevada, Reno's growing enrollment—climbing quickly to 22,000 students—will infuse millions into Nevada's economy and contribute significantly to the state's growing need for an educated workforce.

As the state's economy improves, the University has the opportunity to expand in ways that benefit our students and contributes to Nevada's financial recovery while realizing its full potential as Nevada's land-grant university.

The University's future plan focuses on creating a remarkable culture of student success; expanding basic and applied research programs; and enhancing Nevada's quality of life throughout the state and beyond.

LEARNING: CREATING A REMARKABLE EXPERIENCE

The ultimate measure of a university is the success of its students. A record growth in enrollment has created a vibrant campus community. In the past five years, the University has recruited more students with outstanding academic backgrounds than ever before and attracted its highest level of students of diversity. This effort has seen more students graduating at Commencement than ever before.

"These successes are no accident," says University President Marc Johnson. "The University's path of creating a remarkable student experience has included a heavy investment in its student success infrastructure. This effort has included more than 1 million square feet of new facilities that have enhanced the campus' residential footprint, increased opportunities for personal engagement, and provided the best

in technology and innovation in the classroom.

"The momentum and promising gains must continue," Johnson adds. "If the University's students are expected to continue their record level of achievement, the University must provide the necessary resources and the continued deep investment that has characterized the institution's recipe for success."

To support these successes, the University is embarking on several endeavors to enhance the student experience. A more comprehensive network of effective and interconnected support services for Nevada students will ensure that the University will fully develop the talent level of its students so they will engage, persist and graduate in four years.

The William N. Pennington Student Achievement Center—made possible through a \$6 million naming gift from the William N. Pennington Foundation and an additional \$6 million in philanthropy, as well as the support



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The William N. Pennington Student Achievement Center, set to open January 2016, will allow the University to bring under one roof a myriad of services that are now scattered throughout campus, including the Disability Resource Center, the writing, math and tutoring centers, a veterans center, counseling services and a career studio, among others.

of student fees—is now under construction on the former site of Getchell Library and is set to open January 2016. The new facility will allow the University to bring under one roof a myriad of services that are now scattered throughout campus, including the Disability Resource Center, the writing, math and tutoring centers, a veterans center, counseling services and a career studio, among others.

Shannon Ellis, vice president for Student Services, says it is wise to invest in activities that contribute to student success which translates to higher student retention rates and timelier paths to graduation.

“The time and energy students devote to connecting with educationally purposeful activities is the single best predictor of their learning and personal development,” Ellis says.

“The programs and services in buildings such as the William N. Pennington Student Achievement Center are known to lead to high levels of student engagement and satisfaction.”

Backed by an \$8 million naming gift from the E. L. Wiegand Foundation and a goal of an additional \$8 million in philanthropy, as well as student fees, the E. L. Wiegand Fitness Center will offer multiple fitness areas for weightlifting, training and a multitude of other fitness classes and activities, plus an indoor, 1/8 mile, three-lane running track. Three full-court gymnasiums will be utilized for basketball and other indoor sports. The center is estimated to open in winter 2017 and will be available to students as well as faculty and staff.

“With the E. L. Wiegand Fitness Center, the final piece in the mind/body platform will be

in place, enabling our students to emerge in the competitive, multi-dimensional world both disciplined and strong,” says Kristen Avansino, president of the E. L. Wiegand Foundation.

A new Fine Arts Building will add to the growing landscape, with a goal to elevate the arts to a new level of prominence at the University of Nevada, Reno and enrich the arts both for students and for the community as a whole.

In 2014, the School of the Arts successfully completed Act One, a \$4 million modernization project funded entirely through philanthropy, including lead gifts from the Nell J. Redfield Foundation and the Edna B. and Bruno Benna Foundation. Expansion efforts for the school now moves into Act Two, which is also funded by philanthropy. The construction of a new fine arts building that will connect to Church Fine



Arts through a skywalk, and elevate the arts to a new level of prominence to enrich the arts both for students and for the community as a whole.

The 35,000 square-foot building will enhance the University’s music and art programs by creating a new 300-seat recital hall; an art museum; digital media spaces including a maker-space, electroacoustic lab and classroom; offices for art faculty; an instrumental rehearsal room and storage area; a choral and opera rehearsal room; a recording studio; additional teaching studios and offices for music faculty; and multiple new music practice and rehearsal rooms.

“Act One created a modern venue with updated technology, allowing the Nell J. Redfield Proscenium Theatre to secure the University’s reputation as an innovative theater program,” says School of the Arts Director Larry Engstrom. “Upon completion of Act Two, students will benefit from new creative spaces that will inspire them to achieve artistic excellence in music and art. Together, the two projects will enhance the University’s ability to attract talented students and faculty, providing support for them to create their best work. In addition, Act One and Two will greatly amplify the role of the arts in the Reno and northern Nevada

community and enhance the public’s access to world-class performances and exhibits.”

SUPPORT: ACCESS TO EDUCATION

Increased scholarship support, both need and merit-based, will help the University

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compete for quality students who help sustain a campus culture centered firmly on the success of its students. Undergraduate scholarships help students realize their educational dreams and avoid accruing large amounts of debt during their college career.

Today, philanthropy provides more than 3,000 donor-funded scholarships and awards for

Nevada students, totaling more than \$7 million.

“The generous scholarship support I have received eliminated one more worry that keeps many students from finishing their education and has allowed me to stay focused on mine,” says student Jalen Dixon, a community health sciences major and recipient of the Aaron Arnoldsen Memorial Scholarship. “It has also relieved the financial burden from my parents as well. I am very thankful.”

For graduate students, the University is able to recruit top graduate student talent by offering fellowships, which is imperative for the institution’s continued growth as a national Tier 1 university, and its ability to produce advanced-degree graduates who are fluent in producing world-improving research and scholarly activity. The private funds that support graduate students in this way help the University enhance its status as a national university that undertakes very high levels

of research to benefit society.

Internships provide Nevada students with the opportunity to apply their classroom knowledge to the workplace. Learning beyond the classroom is further enhanced through research funds for graduate and undergraduate students to refine ideas, solve problems and provide new direction through the research they conduct.



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LEFT PAGE: An artist's rendering of the William N. Pennington Student Achievement Center, set to open January 2016. TOP LEFT: Expansion efforts for the School of the Arts are moving forward with the help of philanthropy. The construction of a new fine arts building will elevate the arts to a new level of prominence to enrich the arts both for students and for the community as a whole. TOP RIGHT: Students perform in the University Symphony Orchestra. BOTTOM LEFT: The E. L. Wiegand Fitness Center, set to open winter 2017, will offer multiple fitness areas for weightlifting, training and a multitude of other fitness classes and activities, plus an indoor, 1/8 mile, three-lane running track. BOTTOM RIGHT: Mackay School students tour the Marigold Mine in Humboldt County, Nev.

Travel funds support and encourage students to seek knowledge through collaboration and presentation in regional, national and international conferences.

DISCOVERY: CREATING NEW KNOWLEDGE

Great universities produce great ideas—ideas that inspire, create new products, build economies and change lives. The University serves the state as a top-research institution, with programs and people recognized nationally and

internationally for world-improving results. The University's undergraduate research program is designed to involve students deeply in research projects while attending Nevada.

Students are encouraged to collaborate with faculty already involved with cutting-edge research in areas that range from nanoscience and technology, energy and the life sciences, and engineering and new media. This partnership with their faculty mentor prepares them for a lifetime of creativity and productivity as scientists, engineers, physicians, entrepreneurs, educators and artists.

“Our vision is to create an environment that will enable the faculty and students to excel in their research, scholarly and creative activities, and enhance the status of the University as an internationally recognized research university,” says Mridul Guatam, vice president for research and innovation. “We want to continue to build a collaborative University setting where faculty can establish connections, form networks and work on interdisciplinary research that produces discoveries that impact society.”

Numerous faculty are uniquely positioned to sustain the quality and influence of the Uni-



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Photo by Anne McMillin

LEFT: Nevada Dynamics, a student business competition team, received \$50,000 for winning the Sontag Entrepreneurship Competition in March. From left: Dave Croasdell, the Charles and Ruth Hopping Professor of Entrepreneurship and Sontag Entrepreneurship Competition director; University President Marc Johnson; Nevada Dynamics team members Zachary Carlson, Erik Edgington, MacCallister Higgins and Nolan Young; College of Engineering Dean Manos Maragakis and Greg Mosier, dean of The College of Business. **RIGHT:** Catrina Moody, Class of 2017, says “ahh” to coax a young patient to open her mouth for a throat exam. **RIGHT PAGE:** College of Education students prepare to become professional teachers by working in local area classrooms.

versity’s research enterprise through productive scientific and scholarly inquiry. This growing research ambition includes creating new knowledge to solve issues relevant to Nevada, the nation and the world through nationally and internationally competitive work. Major research grants are awarded from the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation and the Department of Energy, as well as through community partnerships with business and creative endeavors that enrich the lives of all Nevadans. In recent years, the University’s faculty has produced more than 70 active patents, with an average of 13 new patents each year. Many of these new technologies are “spun out” through the University’s Technology Transfer Office to qualified entrepreneurs and industries in need of new ideas and new approaches, helping to incubate the ingredients needed for a knowledge-based economy.

To continue moving forward, the University will increase faculty support through donor-established chairs, professorships and research funds; and increasing the University’s fundraising efforts for program support for undergraduate and graduate teaching facilities, including department, equipment and professional development funds.

“Great faculty ensure the future of the University,” says John Carothers, vice presi-

dent for Development and Alumni Relations. “Recruiting and retaining a faculty of gifted and dedicated educators is paramount. In today’s extremely competitive environment, we need to invest substantial new funds to provide more opportunities for our faculty to advance their creativity and research, and inspire and transform our students. We are tremendously grateful to the individuals, corporations and foundations who have stepped forward to fund faculty support.”

ENGAGEMENT: STRENGTHENING THE WELL-BEING OF CITIZENS, COMMUNITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Engagement of the northern Nevada community and enhancement of the region’s quality of life have been among the core functions of the University and are driving a renewed awareness of the value a quality university brings to the community and the citizens it serves both locally, regionally and nationally.

“During the past five years, with a number of campus and community-based initiatives dedicated to sparking the regional economy, the

University has helped touch and transform the future of its community,” says Executive Vice President and Provost Kevin Carman.

This effort has included having the University partner with key organizations that include the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada and in higher education initiatives from the Governor’s Office of Economic Development; strengthening service learning, coordination of student internships and civic involvement of the campus by providing new engagement resources on campus; and providing the arts, intercollegiate athletics, entertainment and cultural gatherings at the University to cultivate a true “college town” community.

By increasing the percentage of Nevadans who graduate from college, the University is at the forefront of creating a Nevada that will be healthier, more adaptable and better prepared to meet the challenges of the future. The University is producing record numbers of graduates, providing a solid foundation for Nevada’s knowledge-based economy. These graduates have the capacity and responsibility to work in the state’s most important businesses and organizations, start new enterprises, develop new processes and technologies, and to partner with agencies and organizations throughout the state.

“More than ever before, the knowledge-based



Photo by Jeff Dow

economy is within Nevada's grasp," Carman says. "University students, faculty, and its most prized commodity of all—its graduates—are providing the key catalytic elements of talent, training and know-how in order to make this happen."

The University also has spurred economic development and diversification by conducting research and scholarship that improves the economy of the state and the civic life of its community. This investment in game-changing research directly meets the needs of businesses, trains the next generation of medical professionals and provides sound, science- and policy-based direction for the state's economic and social challenges. The University has staked its claim as a leader in innovation and entrepreneurship by launching initiatives that reward students for new ideas through competitions that provide students with cash awards for creating new businesses and new job possibilities for Nevada.

The annual Sontag Entrepreneurship Award Competition was made possible through a \$1 million gift from alumnus Rick Sontag '66 M.S. (physics) and his wife, Susan.

"The students who get this award—I just hope they have the spirit of wanting to succeed and don't worry about falling on their face

as they try," Sontag says. "I have reached that stage in life where I think it is important to give back and contribute to the kinds of causes that benefited me."

Private gifts such as these, including a \$5 million gift from alumni Fatih Ozmen '81 M.S.

in academic achievement, in the impact of our research on our world and in the transformational way we improve the communities we serve," President Johnson says. "In many ways, our dynamism reflects the great energy and entrepreneurial spirit of the state. At the

University, our students not only discover their life's work, they find ways to profoundly influence and improve the lives of all Nevadans."

To succeed in this bold enterprise, the University of Nevada, Reno must identify significant resources beyond its traditional funding sources. To make this venture a financial priority ahead of many other worthy philanthropic causes and organizations, it will need to secure philanthropic partners who share its vision for the future who are as passionately committed to the University's long-term benefits for the state of Nevada and the country.

"The future of our University and the state of Nevada are intertwined," Johnson says.

"Individuals who envision the highest quality of life for Nevada's future can make an enormous impact by joining with us as we move the University forward to even greater achievements. With everyone's support, we can achieve our vision." **N**

"More than ever before, the knowledge-based economy is within Nevada's grasp. University students, faculty, and its most prized commodity of all—its graduates—are providing the key catalytic elements of talent, training and know-how in order to make this happen."

—Executive Vice President and Provost Kevin Carman

(electrical engineering) and Eren Ozmen '85 MBA to create the Ozmen Center for Entrepreneurship at The College of Business, illustrate how charitable giving partnerships result in new initiatives, products or services to benefit society and its needs.

"We are setting new institutional milestones

Edna Benna

Edna Benna (Trustee Emerita)

I came to Reno from Los Angeles in 1948 when I was 18 to help care for my ill cousin and her children. I had enrolled in Los Angeles City College and had no intention of staying in Reno, as I was just getting established in my modeling career. I arrived in Reno on a Greyhound bus with barely any money.

I had been at my cousin's for some time when her husband said, "You haven't been anywhere. I'm going to take you to the football game and then down to the Phi Sigma Kappa house to meet this nice guy." The nice guy was Bruno Benna '53 (physical education). Unbeknownst to me, that night turned out to be Homecoming and Bruno had a date. Instead, I joined Bruno's roommate, Ted Klimaszewski '51 (political science). I found this all quite exotic as I had never met anyone who was Polish. Even though Bruno and I didn't go out that night, we always considered Homecoming our anniversary.

Bruno called me the following Wednesday and asked me to the movies. I wasn't looking for a boyfriend, but I'll tell you this: The best thing in my life was going with Bruno to the movies that Wednesday. Interestingly, we had nothing in common. His parents were born in Italy and lived in New Jersey. My family's American roots date back to the mid-18th century. He grew up in a small town in rural New Jersey, and I in downtown Los Angeles. One thing we did have in common was that we both listened to the Metropolitan Opera on Saturdays on the radio.

Like me, Bruno arrived in Reno on a Greyhound bus. He had \$50 in his pocket and a basketball scholarship, which meant his tuition and books were paid for by the University. Bruno washed dishes at the Phi Sig house to pay for room and board, and worked construction when he was not playing basketball. I went to work in the plant department at the phone company.

We married in July of 1950, two years after we had met. We had very humble beginnings but together we built a full and memorable life.

For our honeymoon, I wanted to travel and Bruno wanted me to meet his family in New Jersey. With no money, this was not easy. Now

when people tell me they are afraid to travel because they can't afford it I say, "Don't wait!" Do what you can, even if you have to stay in some cheap motel or go camping, just do it. We got into our '38 Ford coupe and spent our first night in the Winnemucca Inn. Then we drove to Salt Lake City in the wee hours of the morning. We had enough money to stay in hotels for three nights. We found one motel down by the train tracks and it was horrible, and there we were, spending our precious hotel money on our honeymoon next to the train tracks.

The plan was to go to New Jersey where Bruno would work for the summer in order to earn enough money to get back to Reno. We stayed at his grandmother's house in a room she used for laundry and making wine and grappa. So started our travel adventures that would eventually take us through most of the world.

For the first six years we were married, we lived in Dr. (James) Church's stable house. We got to know Dr. Church, who was the most fascinating person. He always had time to visit even though he was very busy and quite elderly at the time. The rent was a bit out of our reach, \$50, but we loved that house so we made it work. As I tell people, it had every inconvenience known to man. It was darling, though. The fireplace was made of rock that Dr. Church had collected himself.

In October 1952, I had Steve, our first son. I got a chest of drawers to divide our part of the bedroom from the baby's. Two years later we had Cathy, so in went another chest of drawers and another crib. The third winter we were there, I hung the diapers out to dry and when I went out to get them they were frozen stiff. It had never occurred to me that they would break. I took them off the line and broke about four of them. I just cried because we had no money.

Almost 10 years after our daughter was born, we had our third child, Alex, and then another, Chris. One of Bruno's teammates, Ingvar Christensen, owned a concrete business with his family. Ingvar offered Bruno a job at his company, Ready Mix Concrete Co., and later asked Bruno to partner with him in a new

company, which became C.B. Concrete. Bruno and I borrowed \$10,000 from Ingvar to pay for Bruno's share. We paid him back that same year. That was one of the things Bruno and I had in common; both of us had a real aversion to being in debt. We never bought anything if we couldn't pay for it, except for a house.

We got involved in fundraising for the University through the foundation. Bruno was appointed to the board but was very busy running his business. I mentioned to Dick Dankworth, who was in charge of fundraising for the University, that I could take Bruno's place in the meetings. Not too long after, I was on the foundation. We were part of the first fundraising effort for Church Fine Arts.

I'm grateful to be a part of gifting the Edna B. and Bruno Benna Foundation Atrium as part of the latest renovation of the School of the Arts. There are so many people who don't know there's a theater on campus. With the atrium, I think it's much more obvious.

Bruno and I always donated to Catholic Charities, the arts and education. It's amazing how far money goes in the arts. It's amazing the wonderful people the School of the Arts has been able to bring in.

I'm very lucky. I have a wonderful, caring family and extended family and a lot of friends, all of whom have helped me cope with losing Bruno. Bruno and I believed in keeping in touch with friends and not forgetting them. So now I just try to enjoy the sunsets. I would enjoy the sunrise but I'm not awake!

From a conversation with Senior Writer Roseann Keegan. Edna is the widow of Bruno Benna '53 (physical education). The Bennas were named Distinguished Nevadans in 1991 and are listed as Honor Court Gold Benefactors. They have four children: Cathleen Trachok '76 (speech pathology) and Stephen '75 (managerial sciences), Alexander and Christopher Benna. Edna served six terms as a University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Trustee.

LOOK ONLINE

For the full version of the interview visit: www.unr.edu/silverandblue



Philanthropist
Arts Patron
World traveler



Construction Update

The William N. Pennington Student Achievement Center, scheduled for completion in 2016, will unify several student services now scattered throughout campus. The project is made possible through student fees, as well as a lead gift from the William N. Pennington Foundation, with additional support from the Nell J. Redfield Foundation, the Clarence & Martha Jones Family Foundation, the Marshall R. Matley Foundation, the Robert Z. Hawkins Foundation, the Nevada Military Support Alliance, the Bretzlaff Foundation, the Mallory Foundation, the E.L. Cord Foundation, the John Ben Snow Memorial Trust, the Thelma B. and Thomas P. Hart Foundation and more.

Photo by Theresa Danna-Douglas

Foundation



Message from the Executive Director

Learning, discovery and engagement best describe our mission at the University. From our founding more than 140 years ago to today, we are dedicated to these principles each and every day. This important work is not possible without support from many, and I am grateful to our

alumni, friends and community partners who do just that, and whose names appear on the pages of this special donor honor roll.

With your support we are creating a remarkable culture of learning and success for nearly 20,000 students. This year we were able to offer more than \$6 million in donor-funded scholarships, representing nearly 3,000 awards. Construction is in full-swing on the William N. Pennington Student Achievement Center, and we will break ground in June for the E. L. Wiegand Fitness Center.

Your new and continued support of endowed chairs and

professorships helps us to address urgent classroom needs brought about by enrollment growth and supports discovery through research and innovation. Crucial funding for new laboratories and renovations expands our impact through world-improving research, creativity, innovation and scholarly activity.

We foster engagement that enhances our city, region, state and beyond. With your support we leverage our knowledge, resources and talent for the advancement of business. We produce and enhance the workforce for Nevada's growing knowledge-based economy.

Thank you for the important role you play in our success.

Sincerely,

John K. Carothers

*Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations
Executive Director, University of Nevada, Reno Foundation
(775) 784-1352 or jcarothers@unr.edu*



Message from the 2014 Foundation Chair

Thank you for your generous support and confidence in the University's success. I have been gratified by my volunteer involvement with the Foundation and the University, and as I turn over the chairmanship of the Foundation Board of Trustees, let me offer my profound

gratitude to our alumni and friends.

The University is a remarkable institution, graduating students in record numbers and contributing to the economy and vitality of the state and nation. The academic programs of the University and its research enterprise nurture scholarly and creative activity on national and international levels. Enrollment growth continues and students enjoy a rich, authentic college experience at a beautiful, traditional and vibrant residential college campus. And, the University continues to be a great value in higher education, costing up to 80 percent less than other Tier 1 ranked universities.

Much of the University's success has been made possible by donor contributions, and it is worthy of our continued support and investment. Thank you for being a champion of Nevada!

Sincerely,

Brett Coleman '84 (finance)

2014 Chair, Foundation Board of Trustees



Message from the 2015 Foundation Chair

If you haven't been to the University campus lately, I encourage you to visit.

The University of Nevada, Reno is a very busy place. Nearly 20,000 students fill classrooms, residence halls, laboratories and facilities. From undergraduate research and study abroad

opportunities to veteran services and Wolf Pack athletics, students who choose Nevada benefit from outstanding academic programs and faculty, state-of-the-art facilities and technology, campus engagement and support to help them thrive in mind, body and spirit. Construction and expansion activity supports a dynamic and growing University with record levels of academic and institutional achievement and limitless possibility.

We are blessed to have the University in our backyard. It is a tremendous treasure for our city, state and region, and it is certainly worthy of our continued support and partnership. Come to campus and take a look at the learning, discovery and engagement happening every day.

Sincerely,

Mary O. Simmons '78 (accounting)

2015 Chair, Foundation Board of Trustees

Foundation Leadership

University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Board of Trustees

The University of Nevada, Reno Foundation was established in 1981 to help the University meet its needs beyond that base funding by generating private support. The foundation is governed by a volunteer board of trustees who can serve three consecutive two-year terms. Trustees are made up of University alumni and friends who provide counsel in strategic planning, education, fundraising and other matters. The following members are serving for the 2015 calendar year:

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Foundation Leadership

Board of Trustees – New Members



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The foundation board recently welcomed eight new trustees whose terms began in 2015. Joseph S. Bradley '78, Dennis P. Bryan '72, Mark H. Denzler, Mick J.M. Hitchcock, Kelli R. Newman '87, '88, Owen Roberts, Jerry Smith and Victor Williams.

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Foundation

The University of Nevada, Reno Foundation is a separate nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization (TIN: 94-2781749). The foundation was incorporated in 1981 to provide a mechanism for private individuals, corporations and foundations to make charitable gifts, bequests and other deferred giving arrangements to support the University. The foundation receives, invests and administers funds to benefit the University, while honoring the philanthropic intent of its generous donors. Such funds are made available to the University for general or specific academic purposes.

University of Nevada, Reno Foundation

Financial Statement June 30, 2014, Summarized Version

Statement of support and revenue, expenses and changes in net position

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total
Operating support and revenue:				
Donor contributions	\$659,666	\$31,895,864	-	\$32,555,530
University support	\$2,539,199	\$0	-	\$2,539,199
Special events and other income	\$164,603	\$1,794,215	-	\$1,958,818
Total operating support and revenue	\$3,363,468	\$33,690,079	-	\$37,053,547
Operating expenses:				
Program expenses				
Alumni programs	\$394,436	-	-	\$394,436
Capital projects	-	\$2,209,506	-	\$2,209,506
University programs	\$302,506	\$17,322,831	-	\$17,625,337
University scholarships	-	\$3,227,192	-	\$3,227,192
Total program expenses	\$696,942	\$22,759,529	-	\$23,456,471
Administrative and fundraising expenses				
Administrative	\$1,621,982	-	-	\$1,621,982
Fundraising	\$1,997,741	-	-	\$1,997,741
Total administrative and fundraising expenses	\$3,619,723	-	-	\$3,619,723
Total operating expenses	\$4,316,665	\$22,759,529	-	\$27,076,194
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	(\$953,197)	\$10,930,550	-	\$9,977,353
INVESTMENT INCOME	\$1,961,153	\$1,167,791	\$18,141,953	\$21,270,897
Additions to permanent endowments	-	-	\$6,307,161	\$6,307,161
Transfers between funds	(\$20,427)	\$4,500,963	(\$4,480,536)	-
NET CHANGE IN NET POSITION	\$987,529	\$16,599,304	\$19,968,578	\$37,555,411
Net position at beginning of year	\$15,222,416	\$53,743,689	\$117,789,461	\$186,755,566
Net position at end of year	\$16,209,945	\$70,342,993	\$137,758,039	\$224,310,977

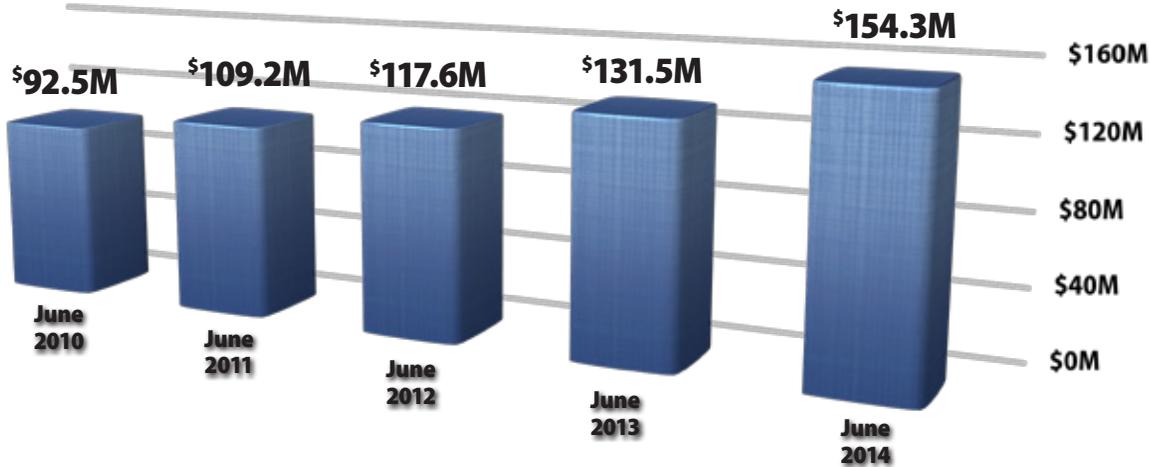
The accounting firm of Grant Thornton LLP issued an unqualified opinion of the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation's audited financial statements for fiscal year 2014.

Foundation

The University of Nevada, Reno Foundation endowment funds are responsibly managed by the investment committee of the foundation, a volunteer committee with expertise in financial management, which receives independent professional investment advice from Wilshire Associates.

2014 Foundation Endowment

Market value as of dates listed below (includes pooled endowment, unrestricted endowment funds, quasi endowment funds and funds held in trust).



University of Nevada, Reno Foundation

Investment Performance Net of Fees

As of June 30, 2014

	Foundation	Policy Index	S&P 500 Equity Index	Barclays Aggregate Bond Index	MSCI ACWI x-US
1 year return	15.17%	13.61%	24.62%	4.37%	22.28%
3 year average	9.30%	9.28%	16.59%	3.67%	5.88%
5 year average	10.90%	11.53%	18.83%	4.85%	11.50%
10 year average	6.10%	5.52%	7.78%	4.93%	8.00%

Final returns are provided by Wilshire Associates, the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation's independent investment consultant.

Investment in Endowment

For fiscal year 2014, a total of **\$6,307,161** in gifts was added to the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation's permanent endowments.

As of June 30, 2014, the funds were invested at the ratio of **40.50%** in equities, **5.61%** in private equities, **34.56%** in fixed income, **10.11%** in real estate and **9.22%** in inflation linked investments. The goal of this allocation is to produce a return that meets spending obligations and maintains or increases the real value of the endowment. The foundation investment policy is administered in accordance with the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA) and can be found on the University's website: giving.unr.edu/foundation.aspx.

University of Nevada, Reno Giving

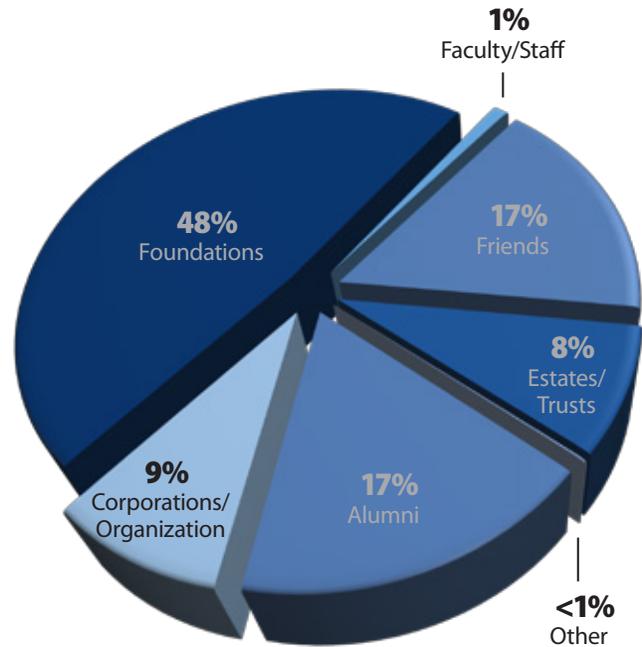
Your Giving Matters

For the year ending June 30, 2014 (FY14), the University of Nevada, Reno raised \$54,555,202 in new cash, stocks, gifts-in-kind, and pledges. This amount includes \$44,314,342 raised through the Foundation, \$354,662 through the Athletics Association of the University of Nevada (AAUN), and \$9,886,198 through the Board of Regents. Comparatively, in fiscal year 2013 (FY13) the University raised more than \$24 million. The number of donors increased by 5% from 10,954 in FY13 to 11,551 in FY14. We are deeply grateful to our generous donors, trustees and community partners for making 2014 a record fiscal year.

Gift Report – Sources of Giving FY 14

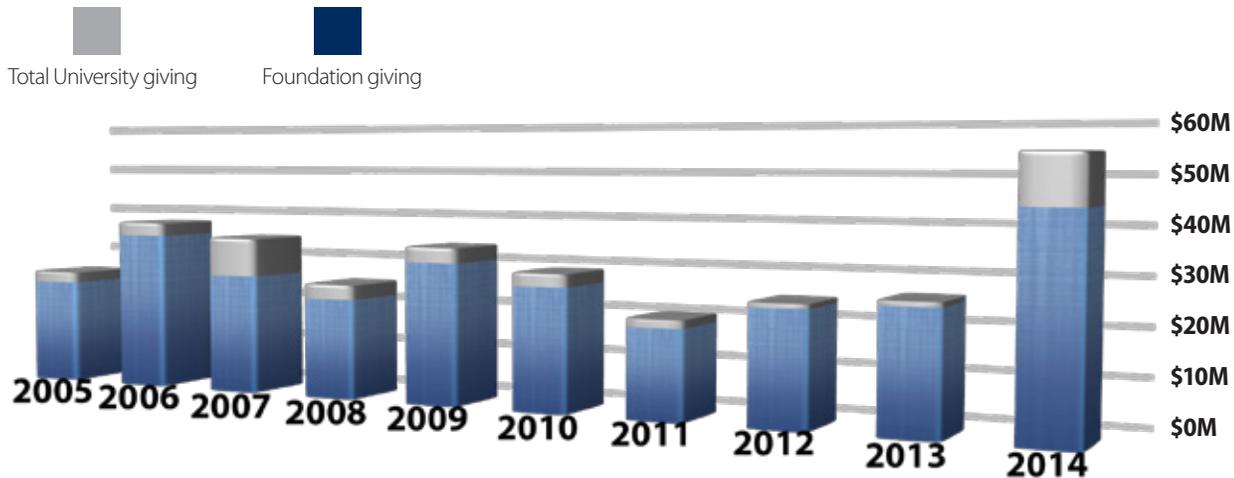
*Includes giving for UNR Foundation, AAUN and Board of Regents

Alumni	\$ 9,204,112
Corporations/Business/Organization	\$5,007,863
Foundations	\$26,395,024
Faculty/Staff	\$498,503
Friends	\$8,986,260
Estates/Trusts	\$4,405,934
Other	\$57,506
Total	\$54,555,202



University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Ten-Year Giving History

Comparison of University of Nevada, Reno Foundation giving and total University giving

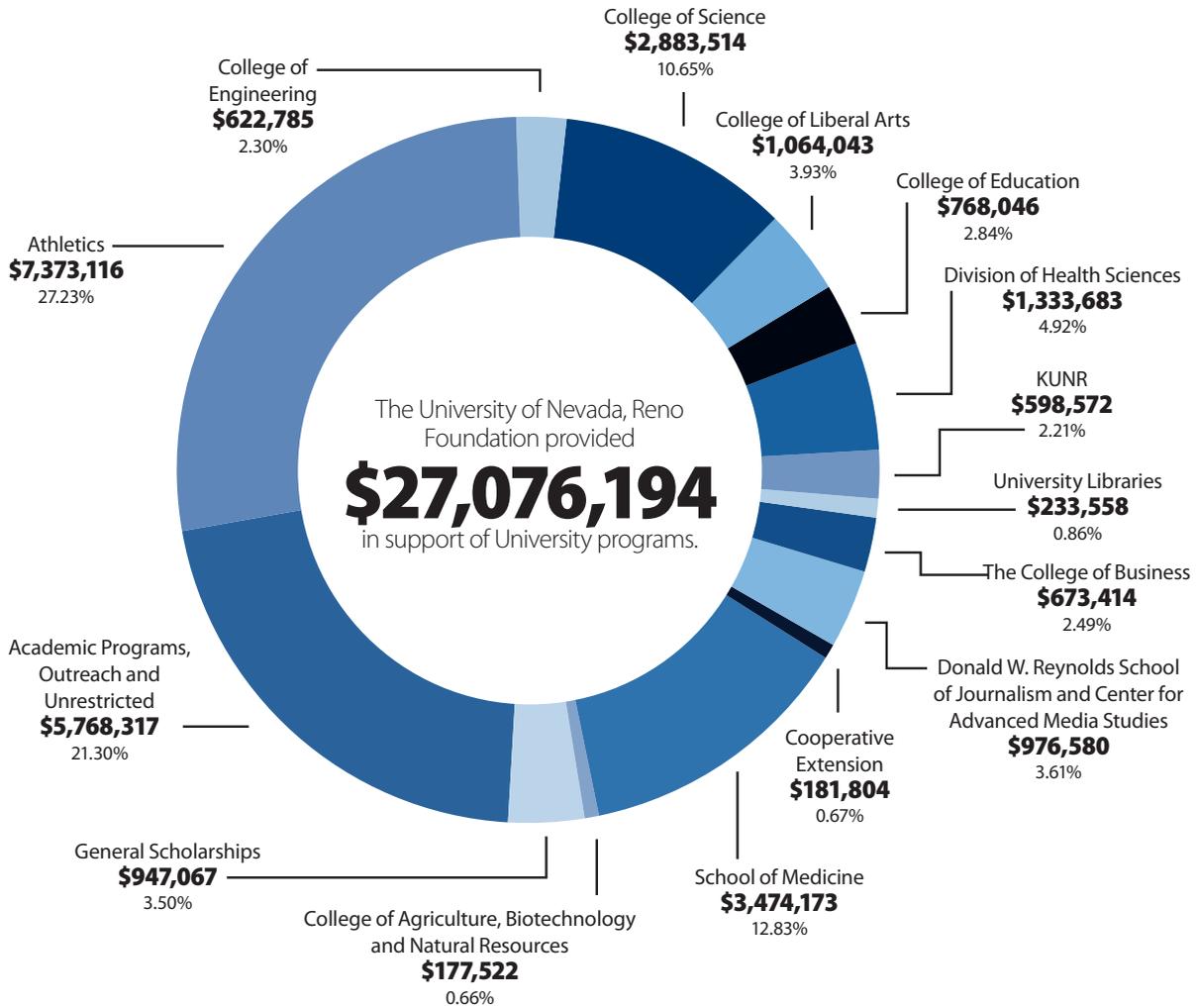


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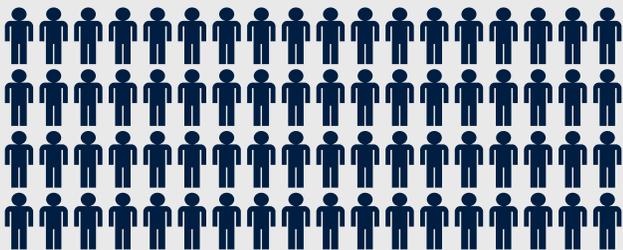
Your Support Makes a Difference

In fiscal year 2014 (July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014), the University utilized more than \$27 million of funding provided by the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation for programs, projects and student scholarships campus wide.

The University of Nevada, Reno Foundation is the official fundraising and private gift-receiving organization for the University of Nevada, Reno. We work closely with alumni and friends, faculty and staff, corporations and foundations to create opportunities and secure gifts of cash, stock, gifts-in-kind, pledges and endowment earnings that benefit the University and its excellence in teaching, research and public engagement.



Your Gift Matters



More than **3,100** students received donor-funded scholarships totaling **\$7M** in the 2014-15 year

In the Last 10 Years

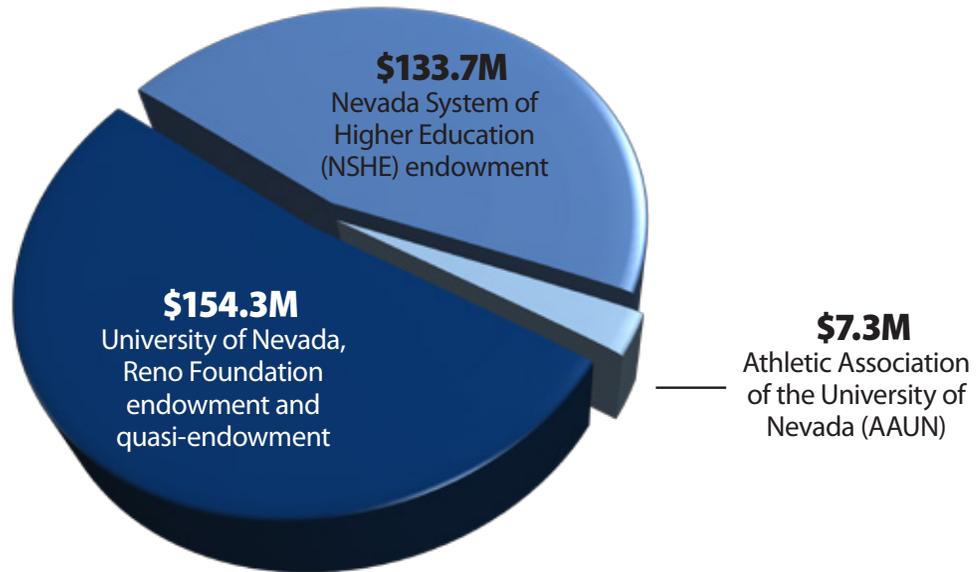
Dollars given by alumni and friends increased by **71%**

The number of donors to the University has remained strong, with **11,511** giving in FY14

In FY14 alone, faculty and staff gifted nearly **\$500,000** to the University

University of Nevada, Reno Endowments

Although the University of Nevada, Reno is a state institution, it receives only part of its necessary funding from the state appropriations. Endowed funds generated with private support provide the foundation for everything the University must do: recruit the best students and faculty, generate trailblazing research, and work for a better world. By generating a steady stream of income while leaving the principal untouched, endowments make it possible for the University of Nevada to respond to unforeseen opportunities to ensure the financial security and continued success of the University.



The University of Nevada's total endowment exceeded **\$295 million as of June 30, 2014**. This endowment is comprised of the following three endowments: Nevada System of Higher Education endowment of **\$133.7 million (45.3%)**, the Athletic Association of the University of Nevada endowment of **\$7.3 million (2.5%)** and the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation's endowment of **\$154.3 million (52.2%)**. The Foundation endowment includes pooled endowment, unrestricted endowment funds, quasi endowment funds and funds held in trust.

University of Nevada, Reno Total Endowment: \$295.3 million

Total number of institutional endowments benefiting the University of Nevada, Reno



\$154.3M

Total number of University of Nevada, Reno Foundation endowments and quasi-endowments: **814**



\$133.7M

Total number of Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) endowments: **303**

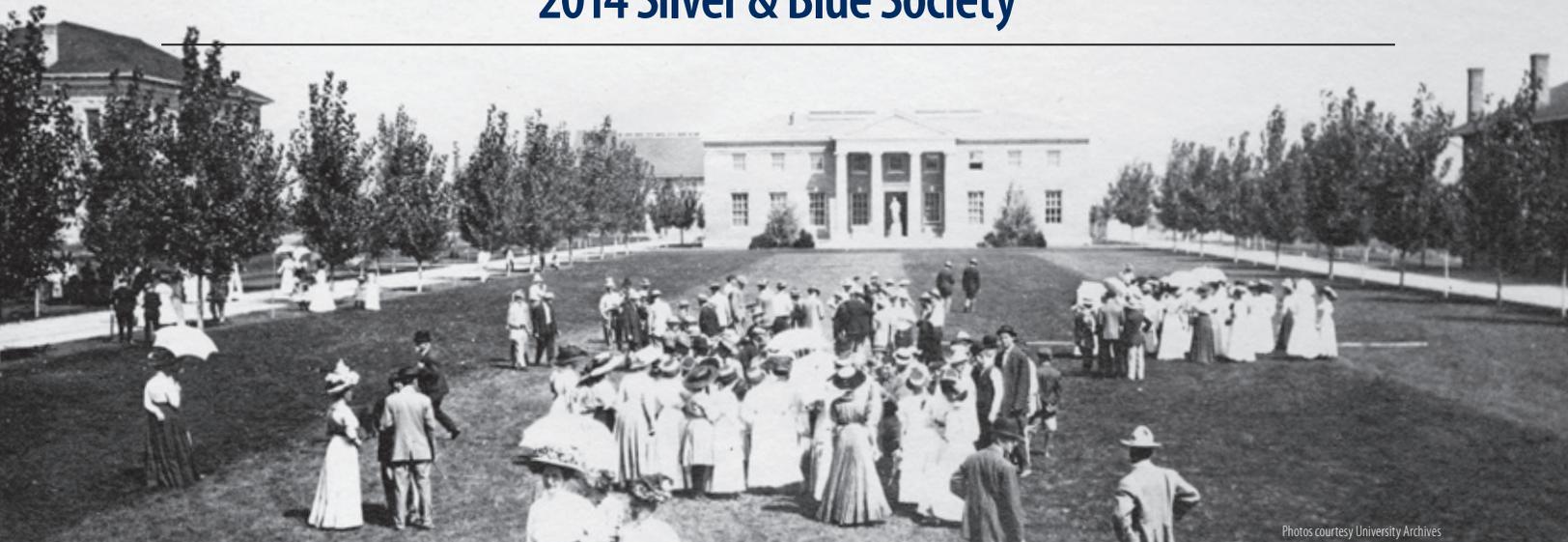


\$7.3M

Total number of Athletic Association of the University of Nevada (AAUN) endowments: **21**

To learn more about the University of Nevada, Reno endowments, please contact Bruce Mack, associate vice president for Development and Alumni Relations, (775) 784-1352 or bmack@unr.edu.

2014 Silver & Blue Society



Photos courtesy University Archives

Bound by their shared commitment to the University of Nevada, Reno, members of the Silver & Blue Society assist the institution in addressing a broad range of needs—including future needs that often cannot be anticipated at the time gifts are made.

The Silver & Blue Society honors those who give an annual unrestricted gift of \$1,874 or more. Members of the Silver & Blue Society provide for scholarships, new academic programs, innovative learning opportunities, faculty recruitment and development, and enhancements to campus, among a host of other needs.

The Silver & Blue Society owes its name to a time when a circle of dedicated men and women helped create the University of Nevada, established as a land-grant institution in 1874.

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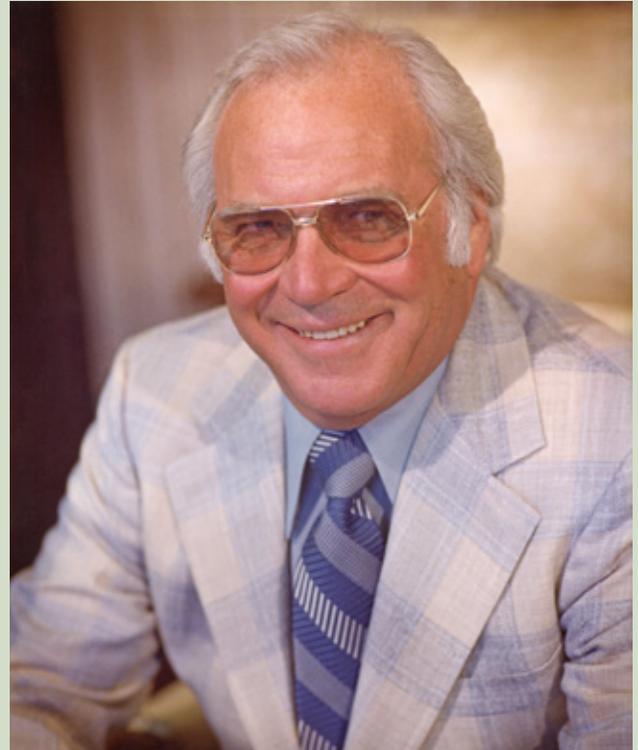


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The late William N. Pennington.

William N. Pennington Foundation continues investment in scholarships

The William N. Pennington Foundation provided generous funding for the 2014-15 recipients of the Pennington Medical, Nursing and Foundation Scholarship at the University.

The Pennington Foundation has funded scholarships at the University since 1995, and has provided support for the School of Medicine's speech-language pathology and audiology department for more than a decade.

Established by the late William Pennington '08 (honorary degree), gaming pioneer and co-founder of Circus Circus Enterprises, the Pennington Foundation has made lead gifts to the William N. Pennington Student Achievement Center, the Pennington Medical Education Building and the Pennington Health Sciences Building.

—Roseann Keegan

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New Foundation Endowments

New endowments: meaningful and forever

Establishing an endowed fund at the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation transforms lives—those of the students who will become the leaders of tomorrow, the faculty who inspire them and the researchers who are finding solutions to society's problems.

The foundation manages the endowment funds, with available earnings transferred to the respective University accounts for the purpose of supporting the donor's passion, whether it be student scholarships, faculty research or unrestricted funds to meet the University's most pressing needs. Gifts can be focused or wide-ranging.

The process for establishing an endowment is simple and requires only a completed agreement along with a gift or pledge of at least \$10,000. If you are interested in supporting any of these new endowments, or creating one in memory or honor of another, through outright gifts using almost any type of asset—cash, securities, real estate or other property that can be liquidated—please contact Keiko Weil '87, director of donor relations, (775) 784-1587 or kweil@unr.edu.

Michele Basta Memorial Scholarship Endowment in French

Gifts in memory of Michele Basta '66 (French), '86 M.A. (French) established this scholarship for students pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in French. Michele was a faculty emerita who taught French language and culture at the University and later served as the director of public relations and development for the University Libraries.

Loretta W. Bell Scholarship Endowment

The University of Nevada School of Medicine received a gift of property from the Loretta W. Bell Trust. The property was subsequently sold and, per the wishes of Loretta Bell, the proceeds were used to establish this scholarship for students in the School of Medicine.

Paul and Judy Bible University Teaching Excellence Award

Paul Bible '62 (economics) and the late Judy Bible '65 (elementary education) value the education they received while at the University of Nevada, Reno and the efforts of their teachers. As long-time supporters and affiliates of the University, the Bibles established this endowment in recognition of outstanding faculty members.

Phyllis Birch Quasi Endowment

The University of Nevada, Reno received a gift from the Phyllis Birch Living Trust to support programs at the University for exceptional (gifted or talented) children.

George H. Bourget Scholarship Endowment for Medical Students

In appreciation for his daughter Judy Bourget's '85 (biology), '90 M.D. education at the University of Nevada School of Medicine, the late George Bourget made provisions in his estate to establish this scholarship for future generations of UNSOM students.

Barbara Smith Campbell Distinguished Professor of Nevada Tax Policy

Established by the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation, a national philanthropic organization founded in 1954, this endowment in The College of Business will supplement and support a tenure/tenure track position in the discipline of economics and an expertise including tax policy. The professorship is in honor of Barbara Smith Campbell '78 (economics). See story on page 29.

Robert Chaires Law and Justice Scholarship Endowment

The late Robert Chaires' passion was teaching students about law and justice and encouraging them to believe in their own potential and to strive for excellence. The establishment of this scholarship in Chaires' name is intended to carry on his legacy of commitment to equal justice and particularly to encourage Latino and other minority students to pursue careers in law.

Cyanco Scholarship Endowment in Minerals Processing/Metallurgy

Cyanco Holding Corporation, a partner to several mining companies in Nevada, originally established this scholarship in 2010, and it reached the endowment level in 2014. By assisting students in the Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering, Cyanco is supporting mining and investing in the people who will help sustain this industry for the benefit of all Nevada citizens.

Di Grazia Family University Scholarship Endowment

Peter Di Grazia '64 (predental), a dentist in Reno for many years, and his wife, Susan Di Grazia, established this scholarship to benefit undergraduate students in any discipline with preference given to those who graduated from Battle Mountain High School.

New Foundation Endowments

Ben and Beatrice Edwards Science Scholarship Quasi Endowment

The late Ben Edwards was a Reno realtor and developer and Beatrice Edwards served on the board of trustees of the Washoe Medical Center from 1954 to 1970. Following Ben's passing in 1969, Beatrice moved to Europe. She passed away in Reno in 1997. The College of Science received a gift from the Ben A. Edwards Trust to support students in the college.

Jacqueline and Caryn Elder Scholarship Endowment

After many years as a school psychologist and teacher, Jacqueline Elder '45 established this scholarship for a Nevada high school graduate who is working at the graduate level in school psychology. The scholarship is intended to assist students so that they will not have to train out of state in order to qualify for Nevada certification.

Caroline Graham-Lamberts, M.D. Memorial Scholarship Endowment

This memorial scholarship endowment has been established through gifts from family, friends and colleagues of the late Caroline Graham-Lamberts '05 (Spanish, biology), '11 M.D. Caroline lost her battle to breast cancer in 2012. The scholarship will support students in the School of Medicine who excel in pediatrics and community outreach beyond the classroom.

Helaine Greenberg SOS Assistance Endowment

Helaine Greenberg established this endowment to provide assistance to the Senior Outreach Services (SOS) program at the University's Sanford Center for Aging by reimbursing auto mileage incurred by SOS volunteers. The SOS Program is a volunteer program that helps vulnerable seniors in the community lead safe, independent and dignified lives.

Mick Hitchcock, Ph.D. Endowed Chair in Medical Biochemistry

Michael (Mick) J.M. Hitchcock, Ph.D. has worked for more than 30 years in the bio-pharmaceutical industry and became passionate about the field of research as a graduate student researcher. Hitchcock established this fund to support a tenure-track faculty position that will focus on medical biochemistry.

Bruce D. Hoffman Scholarship Endowment

University of Nevada, Reno alumnus Bruce Hoffman '82 (managerial sciences) had a great experience at Nevada and would like to help other local students do the same. Hoffman has established this endowment to benefit University students, especially those who graduated from Washoe County high schools.

Roxie & Azad Joseph Foundation Trust Scholar Leader Scholarship Endowment

The Scholar Leader scholarship program at the University of Nevada, Reno College of Business provides exceptional student leaders with the opportunity to earn a four-year renewable scholarship and to further develop their leadership skills. A gift from the Roxie & Azad Joseph Foundation Trust will benefit students in the program.

Larsen Scholarship Endowment for Economic Excellence

The family of Faculty Emeritus Larry Larsen has established this scholarship to honor his legacy at Nevada. Recipients of the Larsen Scholarship Endowment will be a junior or senior student pursuing an undergraduate degree in economics.

Library Student Employee Endowment

This endowment was originally established in 2001 and reached the endowment level in 2014. The fund will benefit students who work for the University Libraries and will serve to motivate and reward outstanding employees.

Marvin G. Linson and Della Linson Scholarship Endowment

A gift from the Della Linson Trust established the Dr. Marvin G. Linson and Della Linson Scholarship Endowment. Marvin "Pete" Linson '42 (agricultural education) came to Nevada on an athletic scholarship in 1936 and was a member of Sigma Phi Sigma fraternity. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII, went on to receive his master's and doctoral degrees and enjoyed a distinguished career in education. A native of Ely, Nev., Della Olaechea Linson also attended Nevada. Both Mr. and Mrs. Linson were grateful for the scholarships they received while attending Nevada.

Fred and Katherine Lymbery Memorial Scholarship Endowment

This endowment has been established by Fred '67 (music education) and Cheryl Olson '68 (biology) to honor the memory of Cheryl's parents, Fred and Katherine Lymbery. The scholarship will benefit a Nevada high school graduate who wants to pursue a degree but would be unable to attend the University of Nevada, Reno without financial assistance.

New Foundation Endowments

Peter and Linda Mandas Scholarship Endowment

Linda '65 (elementary education) and Peter Mandas, both native Nevadans, have established this endowment to support incoming freshmen and continuing sophomores in any major or discipline.

Edda K. Houghton Morrison Concert Endowment

Monica (Niki) Houghton has established this endowment in memory of her mother, Edda K. Houghton Morrison. Her intent is to bring artists and ensembles of international renown to Reno, with the aim of building a future audience that values high artistic standards in the community, while at the same time encouraging the pursuit of excellence among students who pursue degrees in music at the University.

MSESE Marigold Royalty Quasi-Endowment

Established to administer income from the University's Marigold Mine royalties for educational purposes in support of exploration and production of mineral resources in the State of Nevada.

Nevada Society of Certified Public Accountants Scholarship Endowment

The Nevada Society of Certified Public Accountants, founded in 1947, has long supported the accounting program at the University of Nevada, Reno, and has maintained close ties with The College of Business. As a continuation of this support, the society established this endowment to assist students in the program.

OLLI Sustainability Endowment

The OLLI Sustainability Endowment was established with the intent of being a member-supported endowment to ensure that operating funds are available for OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) in perpetuity.

Fred and Cheryl Olson Scholarship Endowment

As alumni of the University of Nevada, Reno and longtime Nevadans, Fred '67 (music education) and Cheryl Olson '68 (biology) have established this endowment to support and assist Nevada high school graduates in pursuing a degree at the University.

Ozmen Center for Entrepreneurship Endowment

Fatih '81 M.S. (electrical engineering) and Eren Ozmen '85 MBA have established this fund to support the Ozmen Center for Entrepreneurship in The College of Business. The center will support and enhance programs at the University of Nevada, Reno that develop student entrepreneurial capacities and support the creation of new business ventures, providing an economic development engine for northern Nevada.

Karen Harvey Petroni Scholarship Endowments in Education, Medicine and Nursing

Karen Harvey Petroni '59 (business) established these funds because both of her parents received degrees from the University of Nevada, Reno as she did. She wants to help those students in the fields of education, nursing and medicine, which she believes to be necessary for the state's health and welfare.

Indra & Yudh Vir Rajput Graduate Student Scholarship Endowment in Electrical Engineering

Yudh Vir Rajput '65 (electrical engineering) and his wife, Indra, established this scholarship in 2011 and it reached the endowment level in 2014. In recognition of support Rajput received during his time at Nevada, this fund will assist the University's efforts in recruiting diverse electrical engineering graduate students.

Ann Ronald Endowment for Special Collections

In recognition of the value of Special Collections to the University and the role it has played in her own scholarly endeavors, Ann Ronald established this endowment to provide flexible funding to support the growth and success of Special Collections now and in the future. Ronald is a University of Nevada, Reno professor emerita and Distinguished Faculty Award winner.

Dr. Charles Ross Pre-Medical Student Scholarship Endowment

This scholarship, which reached the endowment level in 2014, was created by George Kaiser '73 (zoology), '77 (AAMD) in 2011 to honor the late Charles Ross '73 (zoology). Ross was an advocate for the homeless and uninsured in Carson City, where he started a free medical clinic in 1997.

Mary A. & Wilbur R. Wallace Scholarship Endowment

A scholarship endowment for students in any major or discipline has been established through a bequest gift from the late Wilbur Wallace '50 (electrical engineering) and Mary Wallace. Wilbur had a distinguished career as an engineer with Pacific Gas & Electric in California, and Mary worked as a registered nurse.

New Foundation Endowments



Mehmet Tosun was named the Barbara Smith Campbell Distinguished Professor of Nevada Tax Policy at the University of Nevada, Reno.

local government tax expertise. She was a University of Nevada, Reno Foundation board trustee for three terms, 2000-01, 2005-06 and 2007-08, and was the board's vice chair for finance. She is former principal of Consensus LLC, and board chair of the Nevada Tax Commission.

"Tax policy is an important issue for our state," Campbell says. "It is my hope this professorship will be viewed as the 'go to' research arm for the executive and legislative branches of the state of Nevada. Developing sound tax policy requires the consideration of many components and should be a thoughtful, deliberative process. You cannot commence such a process during a 120-day legislative session. It needs to begin long before."

Tosun's main research interests and expertise include public finance, particularly state and local public finance, and taxation. He has worked as consultant for the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, the United Cities and Local Governments, and two United Nations agencies. In 2013, Tosun received the Dean's Research Professorship Award from The College of Business. He was recognized as the Best Researcher of the Year in 2009 by Beta Gamma Sigma, an international honor society for business studies. Tosun will be the local organizer of the International Institute of Public Finance Congress in summer 2016 which will be held in Lake Tahoe.

"Mehmet is an incredible asset to The College of Business and the community," says Greg Mosier, dean of The College of Business. "I'm confident that in this role, he will continue to assist the College in its ongoing effort to become an influential driver in economic development for the state and the region."

—Nicole Shearer

Nevada Tax Policy professor named in honor of Barbara Smith Campbell

The College of Business has named Mehmet Tosun, associate professor and chair of the Economics Department, as the Barbara Smith Campbell Distinguished Professor of Nevada Tax Policy. The four-year professorship is designed to assist in tax policy research at the state and local level, with a primary focus in Nevada.

As both an undergraduate and graduate instructor and researcher, Tosun believes the professorship is another way to bring tax policy research into the classroom.

"Students will not only have the opportunity to participate in this research, but they will also get the chance to see how it applies to our state and local government," Tosun says. "I look forward to starting a tax policy research program in which students will be involved."

Tosun will organize a local and state industry advisory board comprised of members active and familiar with tax policy, both in government and in the private sector. The board

will meet periodically and function as a source of information and up-to-date practices.

The research created by this professorship will be used in a variety of ways.

"Government is clearly a starting point," he says. "However, the academic component is very important as well. In order to help the private sector better understand Nevada tax policy we will be writing white papers, offering short fiscal policy briefs and making important projects, journal articles and policy reports available to the public as well."

In September 2014, the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation made a \$1 million gift to the University to establish the professorship in honor of Barbara Smith Campbell '78 (economics) and her many years of dedication and service to the Reynolds Foundation, the University and the state of Nevada.

Campbell is principal of The Ferraro Group, a regional public relations and public affairs firm. She has a total of 28 years of state and

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Alumni, faculty, parents and friends of Nevada who make endowment gifts are attracted to the opportunity to ensure that the institution, or a particular program or activity, will exist in perpetuity. Behind each endowment gift is a personal motivation—to repay a debt of gratitude for the donor's own education, to honor a loved one, and/or to make a positive impact. Endowments may be established through outright gifts that are available for immediate investment by the University. Life income gifts, in which the University receives money immediately while providing the donor or a designee with an income for life, or bequests that the University receives after the donor's passing. We are grateful to the many individuals and organizations for establishing these permanent endowment funds at Nevada.

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Students make outreach calls during the Wolf Call Phone-a-thon. FRONT ROW: Holly Diaz, Frankie Colburn, Devin McDonald and Roxann Licata. BACK ROW: Marc Trotter, Kristen Uy and Kyle Anderson.

“Hello, I’m calling from the University of Nevada, Reno ...”

Every spring and fall, thousands of alumni, parents and friends of the University hear these words from one of approximately 28 undergraduate and graduate students who provide comprehensive outreach through the Wolf Call Phone-a-thon. Callers reach out to

update information, share news about the University, and help secure much-needed support for a broad range of campus programs, scholarships and services through the University’s Annual Fund. As degree-seeking students, they also work to gain valuable insight directly

from alumni.

So this spring, if you receive a call from a student, share your experiences and memories with them, and take a moment to reconnect with your alma mater!

—Stefanie Givens

To learn more about the University’s Annual Fund, please contact Stefanie Givens, associate director of development of annual giving, (775) 682-6544 or sgivens@unr.edu.

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We are grateful to those who have created endowments with the Nevada System of Higher Education for the benefit of the University of Nevada, Reno. Most of these endowments have been supporting Nevada's students and programs for decades and have grown to provide substantial earnings. These endowed funds ensure excellence at Nevada for generations to come.

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An endowment refers to assets that are invested in perpetuity, unlike expendable funds which are typically used for immediate needs. The University's endowment is not, as many may think, a single "pot" of money that can be used as the University wishes. Many separate endowed funds comprise the endowment, and each has its own stipulations about how the income may be used, as specified by the donor.

As the University's endowment grows through prudent investment management and gifts, the endowment ensures the strength and stability of the University. Endowment income provides stability against downturns in the economy, budget cuts and other changes.

To learn more about supporting existing endowments at Nevada, or establishing a new endowment, please contact Lynda Buhlig '84, assistant vice president of development, (775) 682-6013 or lbuhlig@unr.edu.

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Javier Rojo is currently the Seneca C. and Mary B. Weeks Endowed Chair of Statistics and chair of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at the University of Nevada, Reno. Rojo's research interests include survival analysis, nonparametric function estimation, statistical decision theory, random matrices and dimension reduction techniques. In addition, Rojo has followed for several years the developing obesity health crisis in Mexico and Latin America. Endowed faculty professorships and chairs secured through private funding are crucial for recruiting and retaining the highest-quality faculty. The Weeks Chair was established by Mary Lea Benson Weeks, who was a 1902 State Normal School graduate from the University. At Weeks' request, an irrevocable trust of securities was left to the University to establish a chair in the basic sciences through the Board of Regents. By funding endowed faculty positions, donors like Weeks convene the brightest minds to focus on particular problems or issues and spur advances in those areas.

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Susanne and Gloria Young Foundation champions DFS program

Dean's Future Scholar graduate assistant Alexander Segura '14 (psychology) recalls meeting Susanne Pennington, president of the Susanne and Gloria Young Foundation, while mentoring students at Wooster High School.

When Segura learned the Susanne and Gloria Young Foundation had made two generous donations over the past year to the Dean's Future Scholar Program (DFS), he was compelled to write a letter of thanks to Pennington.

"I hope you still remember me," Segura writes. "You shadowed me at Wooster High School two years ago. Yesterday I received word that you donated to our program again. I personally wanted to say thank you for your generosity! I am honored that you shadowed me while I was mentoring my students. You are such an amazing person, and I applaud all of the great work you do for our community. I am now enrolled in a dual master's program with the goal of becoming an elementary school teacher. I hope that one day I can do big

things like you."

The DFS program is housed in the College of Education and aims to increase the numbers of low-income, first-generation students graduating from high school and gaining access to higher education. Each year, students are identified in sixth grade from selected Title 1 schools throughout the Washoe County School District for participation in DFS.

The program was established in 2000 by William Sparkman, dean of the College of Education from 1998-2010, who brought the program concept from Texas Tech University. Today, Dean Kenneth Coll is committed to supporting the program's mission.

Since its inception in 2000, more than 931 students have participated in the program. To assist students in graduating from high school and college, DFS provides long-term mentoring, opportunities for students to earn high school and college credits, academic tutoring, employment opportunities on the University

Stephanie Chen '11, '14 M.P.H., assistant director; Jill Fontana '91, administrative assistant; Libier Martinez '14, graduate assistant; Kenneth Coll, College of Education dean; Mariluz Garcia '03, '07 M.A., DFS director; and graduate assistants Ohanna Turcios '14, Alexander Segura '14 and Maribel Ramirez '12, '14 M.A.

campus, assistance with college entrance requirements and financial aid.

Pennington says it's important for all students to receive equal access to higher education, regardless of their cultural, socioeconomic, or academic background.

"Fostering long-term relationships and providing early interventions starting in the sixth grade is critical in building a strong pipeline to college," says Pennington, widow of the late gaming pioneer William N. Pennington, for whom several buildings on campus are named in recognition of his generosity. "Every student is unique and has the potential to succeed given proper support and guidance."

—Roseann Keegan

To learn more about supporting DFS and the College of Education, please contact Veronica Haskins, director of development, (775) 784-6914 or vhaskins@unr.edu.

Faculty & Staff

Thank you to faculty and staff who generously help build Nevada's quality and prestige. Gifts from our faculty and staff tell our alumni and friends that those closest to the University—those who know it best, from the inside out—believe so strongly in the success of Nevada and its students that they willingly support the institution not just on the job, but also through their personal philanthropy. Faculty and staff see firsthand what a difference private support can make, and they choose to support programs throughout campus, often through payroll deduction. **We are grateful to these current, emeriti and former faculty and staff, or their surviving spouses, who made a gift to Nevada during 2014.**

Faculty & Staff

Memorial scholarship honors Michele Basta '66, '86 M.A.

Memorial gifts from family and friends have established a scholarship in memory of the late Michele Basta '66 (French), '86 M.A. (French), a faculty emerita who taught French language and culture at the University and later served as the director of public relations and development for the University Libraries.

The Michele Basta Memorial Scholarship in French will benefit students pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in French, with a preference for students who are working in the University Libraries.

In 1992, Basta was awarded the Alan Bible Teaching Excellence Award in the College of Arts and Science. She was also the point person for the \$22 million Mathewson-IGT

Knowledge Center campaign. She retired from the University in 2006.

More than 300 friends, family, colleagues and community leaders gathered at the Knowledge Center in late January 2014 to pay tribute to Basta.

“Michele was an extraordinary woman who touched countless numbers of people throughout the community,” says Dean of University Libraries Kathlin Ray. “She was a major force in building the Knowledge Center, having served as the development director whose fundraising efforts and influence on the aesthetic elements of the building helped make the dream come true.”

—Roseann Keegan Michele Basta '66, '86 M.A.



Photo courtesy of Basta family

To learn more about supporting the College of Liberal Arts, please contact Stuart Golder '91, '97 M.A., development director, (775) 784-1222 or sgolder@unr.edu.

Faculty & Staff

Alumni

Thank you alumni for your generous and active support of your alma mater. Many alumni chose to make gifts to their class fund (*please see Class Challenge on page 49*) and to scholarships and programs throughout campus. This philanthropy is an important and vital source of funding, and alumni giving makes a difference. *U.S. News & World Report* uses yearly alumni participation as a measure of alumni involvement for its annual rankings. Nevada was again ranked in the top tier of “best national universities.” **We are grateful to these former students who made a gift to their alma mater during 2014.**

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Photo courtesy Bruce Hoffman

Bruce Hoffman '82

Bruce Hoffman '82 supports Washoe County graduates

Bruce Hoffman '82 (managerial sciences) has established a scholarship endowment at the University of Nevada, Reno to benefit graduates of Washoe County high schools who demonstrate financial need.

“I grew up in Reno and had a great experience at the University,” says Hoffman, a Reno High School graduate. “I hope to help other local students do the same.”

Hoffman received his MBA from Boston's Northeastern University and started his career at Security Pacific Bank in the Bay Area. His 29-year career has included a variety of managerial roles within the banking and leasing profession, including the last 15 years as director of credit for Wells Fargo Practice Finance, a division within Wells Fargo. He oversees the front-end operations of the group that provides loans to dental, medical and veterinary practices through the country. He looks forward to his retirement in August.

Hoffman makes his home in Walnut Creek, Calif., but maintains close ties to Reno, visiting from time to time to enjoy the nearby skiing and to cheer on the Wolf Pack football team. He also volunteered to meet with prospective University of Nevada students at the spring recruitment event in the East Bay, hosted by the Nevada Alumni Association and the Office for Prospective Students. Along with other alumni, Hoffman spoke with families and answered questions about his experience at the University and how he was personally and professionally impacted by his time on campus.

—Roseann Keegan

To learn more about supporting student success at the University of Nevada, Reno, please contact Keiko Weil '87, director of donor relations, (775) 682-5964 or kweil@unr.edu.

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Do you know someone who **BLEEDS SILVER & BLUE?**

**THE NEVADA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION IS NOW ACCEPTING
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DEADLINE: AUGUST 1, 2015 – The Alumni Council meets throughout the year and is the governing body of the Nevada Alumni Association. Contact 888.NV ALUMS or nvalumni@unr.edu for more information.

To nominate an alumnus, please submit online - alumni.unr.edu/nomination.aspx.

Fax this form to: (775) 784-4878 or email to: nvalumni@unr.edu.

Or mail the below form to: Nevada Alumni Association, Morrill Hall Alumni Center, University of Nevada, Reno/0164, Reno, Nevada 89557-0164.

Name: _____ Class year: _____

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Class of 1939 Scholarship Endowment	\$15,971
Class of 1940 Scholarship Endowment	\$27,634
Class of 1941 Scholarship Endowment	\$25,364
Class of 1942 Scholarship Endowment	\$15,560
Class of 1943 Scholarship Endowment	\$20,749
Class of 1944 Scholarship Endowment	\$22,622
Class of 1945 & 1946 Scholarship Endowment	\$12,592
Class of 1947 Scholarship Endowment	\$13,049
Class of 1948 Scholarship Endowment	\$18,098
Class of 1949 Scholarship Endowment	\$23,621
Class of 1950 Endowment Challenge	\$36,845
Class of 1951 Endowment Challenge	\$45,805
Class of 1951 Mackay School Scholarship Endowment	\$58,320
Class of 1952 Endowment Challenge	\$33,220
Class of 1953 Endowment Challenge	\$16,712
Class of 1954 Endowment Challenge	\$16,503
Class of 1955 Endowment Challenge	\$23,532
Class of 1956 Endowment Challenge	\$17,020
Class of 1957 Endowment Challenge	\$12,494
Class of 1958 Endowment Challenge	\$13,141
Class of 1959 Endowment Challenge	\$25,872
Class of 1958 & 1959 Mackay School Scholarship Endowment	\$14,670
Class of 1960 Endowment Challenge	\$8,252
Class of 1961 Endowment Challenge	\$11,199
Class of 1962 Endowment Challenge	\$7,057
Class of 1963 Endowment Challenge	\$6,814
Class of 1964 Endowment Challenge	\$5,945
Class of 1965 Endowment Challenge	\$5,395
Class of 1966 Endowment Challenge	\$9,300
Class of 1967 Endowment Challenge	\$5,716
Class of 1968 Endowment Challenge	\$7,701
Class of 1969 Endowment Challenge	\$9,746
Class of 1970 Endowment Challenge	\$5,819
Class of 1971 Endowment Challenge	\$12,379
Class of 1972 Endowment Challenge	\$8,597
Class of 1973 Endowment Challenge	\$9,137
Class of 1974 Endowment Challenge	\$7,078
Class of 1975 Endowment Challenge	\$5,863
Class of 1976 Endowment Challenge	\$6,900
Class of 1977 Endowment Challenge	\$3,881
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Class of 1979 Endowment Challenge	\$4,480
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Class of 1981 Endowment Challenge	\$8,738
Class of 1982 Endowment Challenge	\$9,381
Class of 1983 Endowment Challenge	\$6,342
Class of 1984 Endowment Challenge	\$7,298
Class of 1985 Endowment Challenge	\$8,551
Class of 1986 Endowment Challenge	\$5,867
Class of 1987 Endowment Challenge	\$8,200
Class of 1988 Endowment Challenge	\$8,246
Class of 1989 Endowment Challenge	\$8,270
Class of 1990 Endowment Challenge	\$4,606
Class of 1991 Endowment Challenge	\$4,574
Class of 1992 Endowment Challenge	\$5,297
Class of 1993 Endowment Challenge	\$4,485
Class of 1994 Endowment Challenge	\$7,616
Class of 1995 Endowment Challenge	\$4,095
Class of 1996 Endowment Challenge	\$5,113
Class of 1997 Endowment Challenge	\$4,856
Class of 1998 Endowment Challenge	\$4,124
Class of 1999 Endowment Challenge	\$2,204
Class of 2000 Endowment Challenge	\$2,513
Class of 2001 Endowment Challenge	\$1,865
Class of 2002 Endowment Challenge	\$385
Class of 2003 Endowment Challenge	\$210
Class of 2005 Endowment Challenge	\$139
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Class of 2009 Endowment Challenge	\$50



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Alumni, are you up to the challenge? Top 10 reasons to invest in your class fund:

1. Nevada alumni are loyal and supportive of their alma mater. Nearly 11,000 alumni made a gift to Nevada in 2014. Their names can be found starting on page 44.
2. Your class fund becomes a permanent endowment when class gifts total \$10,000.
3. No gift is too small, and every gift makes a difference. You may think that your \$25 gift couldn't possibly have an impact, but it all adds up.
4. Your gift demonstrates confidence in your education and enhances the prestige of the University of Nevada, Reno, upholding a proud history.
5. Your participation matters. *U.S. News & World Report* uses yearly alumni participation as a measure of alumni involvement for its annual rankings. Nevada was again ranked in the top tier of "best national universities." Nevada was also ranked among the top public schools in the country. The University's Master of Business Administration degree program is ranked in the top 25 nationally by *BusinessWeek* magazine.
6. Higher national rankings increase the value of your degree. Rankings also affect the University's ability to recruit and retain the best and brightest faculty and students.
7. Alumni, friend and parent support collectively strengthens the University, which in turn benefits the community and the state of Nevada.
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To support the Class Endowment Challenge, please contact Stefanie Givens, associate director of development of development for annual giving, (775) 682-6544 or sgivens@unr.edu.

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John '76 Ph.D. and Deri Bowen at the University's Honor Court, where they were inducted as Silver Benefactors in 2008.

Endowment honors distinguished Nevada jurist

Little did John '76 Ph.D. (physics) and Deri Bowen know that when they met unexpectedly at the San Francisco Symphony as college students in the 1960s, they would end up building a rich and full life together. Their 48-year marriage has included raising two children while living and working many of those years in the Reno area, John's birthplace and the longtime home of his parents, the late Washoe County District Judge Grant Bowen '30 and his wife, True.

Grant Bowen served as one of the state's most distinguished jurists for more than 30 years. He was a man with deep roots in Nevada who had an interest in education and the University. His mother was born in Carson City, his father was reared there, and he, too, grew up in Carson City. When Judge Bowen died in 1992, his wife established and supported the Judge Grant Bowen Distinguished Library Endowment until her death in 2000, at which time friends and family made contributions to the endowment in her memory.

"My father was an English major who was always interested in books, and my mother was a teacher," John Bowen says. "There are still people around she taught in the elementary schools in the Reno area in the 1940s. Learning and books were a natural for them, as was their interest in the University Libraries. They always emphasized learning with me while I was growing up."

John and Deri Bowen have continued the tradition of supporting both the University and University Libraries. They named one of the Knowledge Center's group study rooms in honor of both of John's parents.

The family's connection to Nevada higher education and libraries runs even deeper. John retired after 35 years as an associate research scientist in the Division of Atmospheric Sciences at the Desert Research Institute. Deri retired as the librarian from Diedrichsen Elementary School in Sparks.

Both are busy in retirement with their longtime involvement in track and field officiating for high school and college students, and they relish spending time with their grandchildren.

—Deanna Hearn

To learn more about supporting the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center or the DeLaMare Science & Engineering Library, please contact Millie Mitchell, director of development, (775) 682-5682 or mimitchell@unr.edu.

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Roxie & Azad Joseph Foundation Trust creates Scholar Leader Endowment

The Roxie & Azad Joseph Foundation Trust has established the Roxie & Azad Joseph Foundation Trust Scholar Leader Scholarship Endowment.

Roxie Archie and her sister, Victoria McIver, were long-time Truckee residents who took a great interest in many philanthropic activities and were especially generous to the University of Nevada, Reno and The College of Business.

The Scholar Leader Scholarship Program at The College of Business provides exceptional student leaders with the opportunity to earn a four-year renewable scholarship and the opportunity to further develop their leadership skills through participation in student and professional organizations, service projects and internship opportunities.

The Mallory Foundation helped The College of Business initiate the Scholar Leader Scholar-



Students at The College of Business, which is housed in the Ansari Business Building on campus.

ship Program in 2009, followed by the Ralph Whitworth Scholar Leader Scholarship.

Incoming freshmen are selected for the program based on their demonstrated leadership

within a student and/or civic organization, enrollment as a pre-business or business major and GPA.

—Roseann Keegan

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Geoff and Sally White '86.

KUNR Signal Circle support grows in 2014

In 2013, KUNR celebrated 50 years of broadcasting from the University of Nevada, Reno and formed a vital, high-level giving group to support the community's longtime, local public radio station. The KUNR Signal Circle, open to all station contributors, received a tremendous response, surpassing its inaugural 50-member goal in honor of the station's anniversary. In 2014, the KUNR listening community nearly doubled the Signal Circle membership to 92.

The KUNR Signal Circle is comprised of donors giving \$1,000 or more annually. These funds were instrumental in KUNR's advancement with its new station website, kunr.org, expansion of local news staff and resources, regional arts coverage, program investment and updated broadcast technology.

Geoff and Sally White '86 (criminal justice) joined the Signal Circle in 2013 and have also included KUNR in their estate plan.

"I am grateful for all of the interesting programming, and all of the time and effort put into KUNR to make it what it is," Sally White says. "I like to listen to KUNR whenever I am traveling in my car. I enjoy their local and national news programs. I also enjoy their interviews, book reviews and movie reviews. 'Wait, Wait ... Don't Tell Me!' is a favorite, along with 'Car Talk.' It is my go-to channel to get caught up on current events."

KUNR General Manager David Stipech '85 (journalism) says the station's success is only possible with faithful contributors at all levels.

"We're grateful, proud and humbled by how much the station is valued, as reflected in the growing membership of the KUNR Signal Circle," Stipech says.

—Roseann Keegan

To learn more about the KUNR Signal Circle, please contact Stefanie Givens, associate director of development for annual giving, (775) 682-6056 or sgivens@kunr.org.

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Suggested Award (check one):

- Professional Achievement Award
- Alumni Association Service Award
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Please fill out the nomination form, along with 1-4 pages of supporting material, by **May 15, 2015**.

Mail to: Nevada Alumni Association, Morrill Hall Alumni Center, University of Nevada, Reno/0164, Reno, NV 89557-0164, or email to Carrie Busha at cbusha@unr.edu.

You can also nominate online at alumni.unr.edu/AAAaward.aspx.

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

An alumnus/alumna of the University with an outstanding record of career accomplishments.

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A friend or graduate who has demonstrated dedication, commitment and service to the University.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SERVICE AWARD

A friend or graduate who has rendered special and outstanding service to the Nevada Alumni Association.

OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNUS AWARD

A graduate who is not more than 15 years past graduation and has an outstanding record of career accomplishments, and/or whose dedication, commitment and service to the Nevada Alumni Association has significantly enhanced alumni programming.

OUTSTANDING CHAPTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The award recognizes a specific chapter that has made significant contributions to alumni, students and friends of the University of Nevada and the Nevada Alumni Association during the past year.

ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

A graduate who has rendered special and outstanding service to the University and by personal achievement has brought distinction to the University.

SILVER & BLUE APPRECIATION AWARD

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Thank you parents for your generous support. Parents of alumni and current students generously support the Parents Fund and other programs throughout campus. The Parents Fund provides for student support programs that benefit the general educational experience and the quality of life for the student body. **We are grateful to these parents who made a gift to the Parents Fund and other programs at Nevada during 2014.**

Parent Donors

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The Office of Planned Giving assists this partnership between the University and its alumni, parents and friends. For more information on planned giving opportunities, please contact Lisa M. Riley, Esq., director of Planned Giving, (775) 682-6017 or lriley@unr.edu, or Brian J. Saeman, Esq. '98, associate director, (775) 682-5938 or bsaeman@unr.edu.

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We are tremendously grateful to Nevada's alumni, friends and faculty who chose to remember the University through their estate gifts. These generous gifts, which come to Nevada upon the donor's passing, support a wide range of programs. Planned giving options can be discussed confidentially with our planned giving office (*see Planned Giving on page 62*). **We give thanks to these deceased donors who remembered Nevada through a bequest gift received during 2014.**



Future Planned Gifts Established By Living Donors

Nevada alumni, friends and faculty often provide for their future gifts to the University of Nevada, Reno in their estate plans. These living donors chose to remember the University by designating the institution in their trust, will, retirement plan or other planned commitment. The Nevada Legacy Society recognizes individuals who have included the University in their estate and financial plans (*see Nevada Legacy Society on page 63*). Though these gifts will only be realized in the future, **we are grateful to those who have chosen, during 2014, to document their planned gift to Nevada.**



Friends

Thank you University friends for your generous support. Our friends have a special appreciation of and affinity for the institution and its mission of education, research and outreach. Our friends give to programs, scholarships and to new and existing endowments, often gifting in honor of, or in memory of, a special person (*see New Foundation Endowments starting on page 24, or existing Foundation Endowments starting on page 28*). **We are grateful to these Nevada friends who made a gift during 2014.**

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Biochemistry Professor Ron Pardini in the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources Cancer Research Laboratory.

Nevada Order of the Eastern Star supports cancer research

Since 1987, the Grand Chapter of Nevada Order of the Eastern Star has been a steadfast supporter of the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources (CABNR) Cancer Research Laboratory and the groundbreaking work of biochemistry Professor Ron Pardini.

“All these years later, Eastern Star still supports the cancer research project as we feel it is a good use of our funds,” says member Margery Carr. “We like that the funding stays local and is actually helping with hands-on research. We were always interested in the actual research as many of our members were directly affected by the disease.”

The gift will continue to fund the investigation of the role of nutritional intervention in cancer therapy. Research led by Pardini is demonstrating that different types and levels of dietary fat can slow tumor growth rates, increase tumor responsiveness to therapy, lower drug-host toxicity of certain anticancer agents and reduce cachexia, the wasting syndrome associated with cancer patients.

“The continued support from the Order of the Eastern Star for our cancer research program has been invaluable for the advancement of our research program on diet and cancer, and has enabled us to engage undergraduate and graduate students in research leading to careers in medicine and medical research,” Pardini says. “Through their dedication for fundraising, Eastern Star has helped develop the future workforce and scientific expertise to continue the war on cancer. Many of these engaged students have entered medical school, graduate school and medical support disciplines.”

The Order of the Eastern Star is a fraternal organization of women and men committed to providing an environment of friendship and fellowship through its charitable acts, support of its membership and involvement within the community. The Grand Chapter of Nevada Order of the Eastern Star was inducted into the University’s Honor Court in 2002.

—Roseann Keegan

To learn more about supporting CABNR, please contact Ralph Phillips, director of development, (775) 784-4390 or rphillips@unr.edu.

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Wolf Pack Radio (WPR) is a student-run, nonprofit radio station broadcast on 1700 AM from the Joe Crowley Student Union that has been operating since 1998. At WPR, University students are given a media outlet to express themselves to a wide audience. The shows are all written and preformed by students and cover music, politics and sports. To listen live, see a show schedule, read the blog, or download the WPR phone app, visit wolfpackradio.org.

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Photo by Theresa Danna-Douglas

The late Wilbur Wallace '50 at his Honor Court induction in 2007.

Planned gift establishes Mary A. & Wilbur R. Wallace Scholarship Endowment

A planned gift from the Wilbur R. Wallace Trust has established the Mary A. & Wilbur R. Wallace Scholarship Endowment to benefit students with a financial need.

The late Wilbur Wallace '50 (electrical engineering) made plans in his estate to fund the endowment through a bequest. Originally from Auburn, Calif., Wallace went on to a distinguished career with Pacific Gas & Electric as an engineer. His late wife, Mary, was a registered nurse for four decades in Nevada and California.

In their lifetimes, the couple established several funds benefitting Nevada students, including the Wilbur R. and Mary A. Wallace Environmental Engineering Scholarship Endowment, the Wilbur R. and Mary A. Wallace Class of 1950 Scholarship Endowment, the Wilbur R. Wallace Electrical Engineering Scholarship Endowment, the Wilbur R. and Mary A. Wallace College of Engineering Dean's Discretionary Endowment and the Mary A. Wallace Memorial Scholarship Endowment.

—Roseann Keegan

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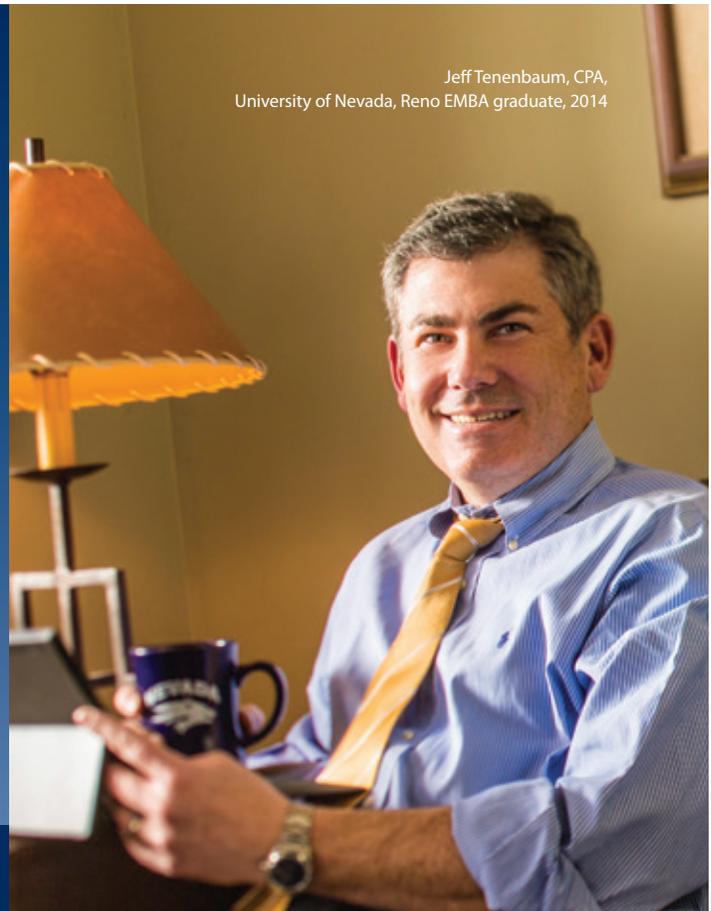
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Students in The College of Business collaborate at the Ozmen Center for Entrepreneurship.

International and Whitney Peak Hotel. The college partners with companies ranging from Reno-area businesses to international technology corporations to help engage and inform students about best business practices.

Partners have the opportunity to bring real-world experience and perspectives to Nevada students through guest speaking, assistance with career development workshops and collaboration on class projects. Corporate Partners have access to talented undergraduate and graduate students from The College of Business students through job postings on Career Navigator, The College of Business career fairs, student networking events and graduation receptions. Partners also receive special recognition at The College of Business Honors & Awards Banquet, during Business Week, in the college's publications and on its website.

—Roseann Keegan

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Twelve companies made gifts in support of The College of Business Corporate Partners Program in 2014: Barrick Gold Corporation, Caesar's Entertainment, Electronic Evolution

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Lee Nelson '05 M.A. addresses the team.

After years as a successful assistant coach, Lee Nelson '05 M.A. (history) gets his first head coaching opportunity at a school he knows well. A Southern California native, the 47-year-old Nelson has experience coaching within the Wolf Pack volleyball program and holds a master's degree from Nevada.

"It is a tremendous opportunity to be head coach of the Nevada volleyball program," said Nelson, who came to Nevada after working the last three seasons at the University of Miami.

One season after Nevada's first-ever NCAA Tournament appearance in 1998, Nelson joined the program as an assistant, and he would coach a number of all-conference selections, including Kelli LaBossiere '03 (general studies) and Nevada Hall of Famers Suzanne Stonebarger '03 (speech communication) and Michelle More '05 (management).

While Nelson stepped away from the program after one season following a death in his family, the Wolf Pack would go on to four more NCAA appearances during the early 2000s. Nelson returned as a graduate student and earned a master's in history in 2005. With a blueprint of those successful teams in mind and with the

Pack now competing in the rigorous Mountain West, Nelson has hit the ground running.

"Lee has played, recruited and coached at the highest levels of the sport," athletics director Doug Knuth said. "He is a man of great character and integrity who will instantly relate with our current players, recruits, parents and everyone who comes in contact with the volleyball program." Nelson was the associate head coach at UC Santa Barbara, another alma mater of his, for four seasons on the men's side and helped the Gauchos to an appearance in the NCAA Championship match. That led him to Miami, where he was an integral part of three-straight NCAA Tournament teams with the Hurricanes.

Nelson was a standout player for the UCSB men's program and helped the Gauchos to an appearance in the NCAA Championship match in 1988. He played professionally in Finland and The Netherlands before continuing his education and embarking on a coaching career that includes time at high school and club levels, in addition to serving as an assistant coach for top men's and women's programs in the country.

—Chad Hartley '03, associate athletics director of communications

Wolf Pack welcomes coach Lee Nelson

The new head coach of the Nevada volleyball team didn't really need an introduction to the University. When he stepped onto campus in January to take over the program, it was as much a homecoming as it was a beginning.

Quick hits ↴

- Wolf Pack football team played in its ninth bowl game in the last 10 years.
- The Nevada swimming and diving team placed third at the Mountain West Championships and took home four major awards: Yawen Li, MW Swimmer of the Year; Krysta Palmer, MW Diver of the Year; Jian Li You, MW Diving Coach of the Year for the third straight year and Abby Steketee, MW Coach of the Year honor.
- The Nevada baseball team opened 2015 with a surge, beating No. 5 Texas Tech in the first weekend and taking the early lead in the Mountain West

Conference race with series wins over Fresno State, UNLV and New Mexico. Along the way, the Wolf Pack entered the national rankings, as high as No. 23 (College Baseball Central) and No. 28 (Collegiate Baseball). Senior Austin Byler and junior Ryan Howell are among the nation's leaders in home runs and Carson City native Adam Whitt has emerged as a dominant relief pitcher, leading nation in saves through the first six weeks of the season.

- The collective grade-point average for all of Nevada's nearly 400 student-athletes was a 3.019 — a "B" average overall. Women's teams produced a 3.2 GPA and men's teams scored a 2.8 GPA.
- Five programs recorded a team GPA of 3.0 or better:

women's basketball, women's cross country, women's golf, women's swimming & diving and rifle.

- 44 percent of all student-athletes, 177 in all, had a GPA of 3.0 or better.
- 39 student-athletes from fall teams earned Academic All-MW accolades (up from 34 from the previous fall semester).
- 16 student-athletes produced a perfect 4.0 GPA for the semester.
- Football team captain and starting linebacker Jordan Dobrich was named to the Capital One CoSIDA Academic All-District team for carrying a 3.9 GPA in engineering.

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Message from the Athletics Director

Fans of Wolf Pack athletics have much to celebrate this year. We brought the Fremont Cannon home this football season; our basketball teams enjoyed wins over UNLV on the same day in early January; the swimming and diving team almost swept the conference awards (winning swimmer and diver of the year honors while also taking home swim coach and diving coach

of the year recognition), and the baseball team set the school record for wins at the start of the season.

While individual and team accolades are great, Wolf Pack teams really shine in the most important area—the classroom! In the fall semester our combined Grade Point Average, including almost 400 students, was 3.019. That's a "B" average and shows remarkable effort by our students, coaches and staff.

Our success in the classroom and in competition is a direct result of your financial support. Your donations allow us to provide the very best opportunities for our teams to

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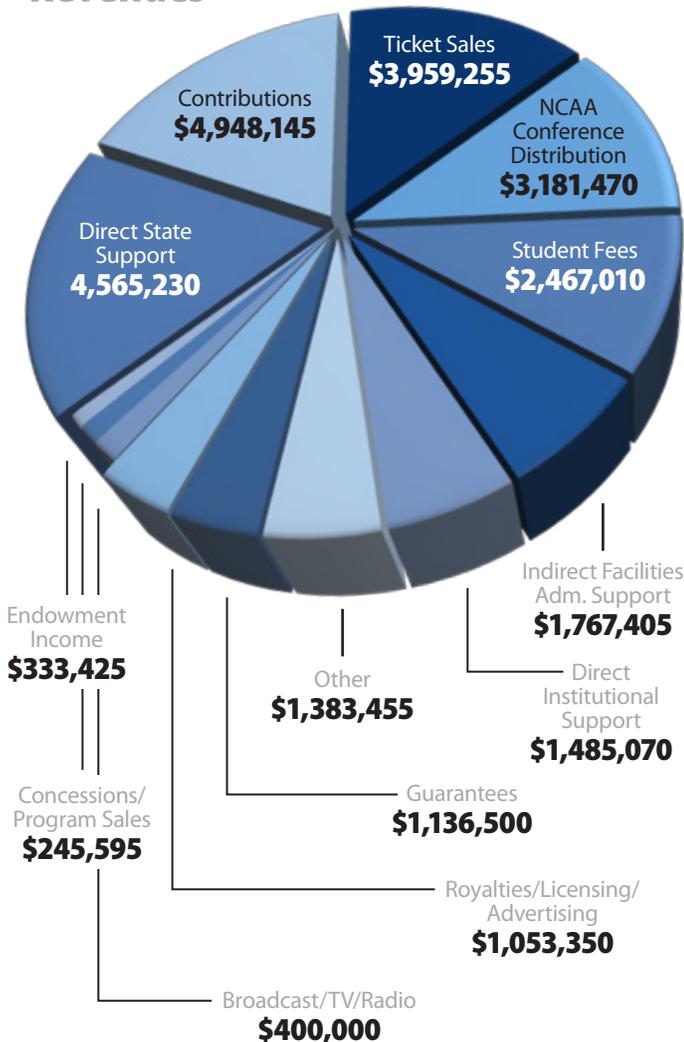
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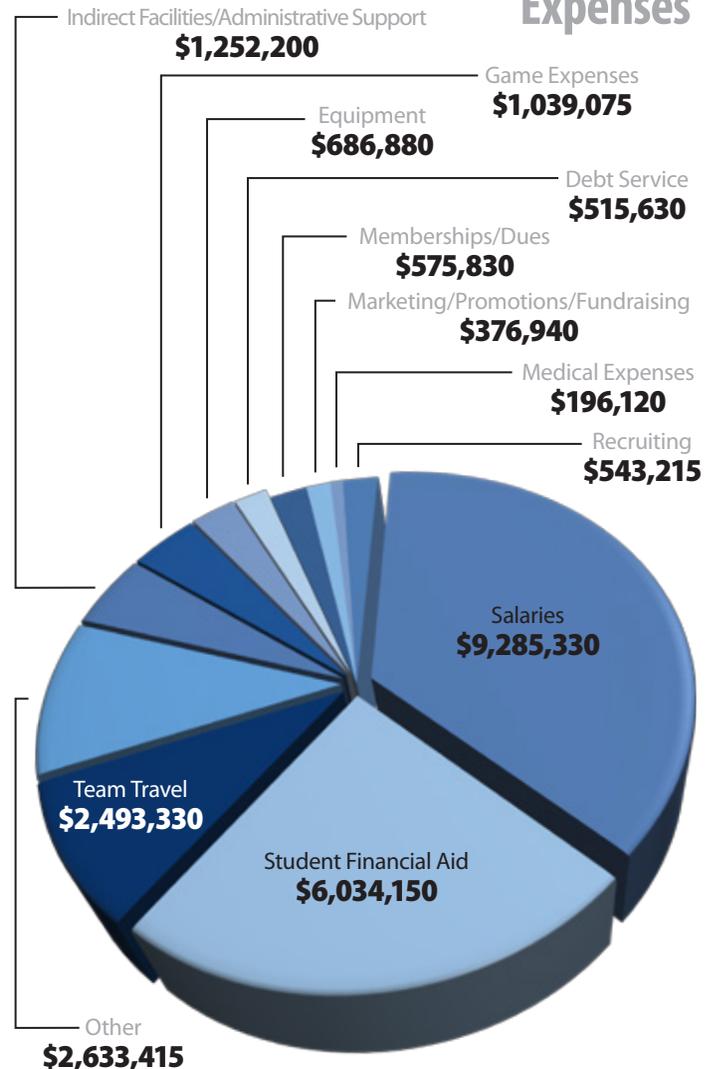
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Honor Court

The University of Nevada, Reno Honor Court was dedicated in 1997 and celebrates the contributions of campus and community leaders. The Honor Court is situated at the south end of campus adjacent to the University's historic Quadrangle. The towering elm trees nearby were planted in 1908, and the Quadrangle, modeled after Thomas Jefferson's design for the University of Virginia, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Honor Court is anchored to the south by a dramatic 45,000-pound, 20-foot granite obelisk listing the University's philanthropists. A series of distinctive pillars, carved from 200,000 pounds of white granite mined from the nearby Sierra Nevada range, features the names of major donors, award-winning faculty, students, employees and community members who have contributed to the University's history and success.

The centerpiece of the Honor Court is a gazebo with trellises of blue and white flowering wisteria. The vines and the adjacent rose garden are among the plants selected for the Honor Court by the University Arboretum. A natural boulder fountain—which traces a granite silhouette of the mountains beyond—flanks the Patron area of the Honor Court. The engraved pillars, ranging from 10- to 14-feet-tall, from rough-cut to polished granite, were arranged by the Honor Court's designer and sculptor, Johannes Schwartlander. Struck by the beauty of the campus, his design incorporated historical elements and the natural grandeur of the area.

The Honor Court was constructed solely through private gifts and the philanthropy of local contractors who provided much of the labor and materials at no cost. Expertise in splitting boulders was provided by faculty in the Mackay School, while the architectural design was the work of the renowned firm of Backen, Arigoni and Ross.

Each year, names are engraved into the Honor Court in proud recognition of the accomplishments and support of those who contribute to excellence at the University. Individuals and organizations receiving the University's most prestigious awards or contributing major donations to the institution are recognized. Categories include Distinguished Nevadan, Honorary Degree, President's Medal, F. Donald Tibbitts Distinguished Teacher, Distinguished Faculty, Distinguished Service, Foundation Professor, Outstanding Researcher, Classified Employee of the Year, and the top student award, the Herz Gold Medal.

For more information about the Honor Court, please contact Keiko Weil '87, donor relations director, (775) 784-1587 or kweil@unr.edu.

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“Since inception, the EJC Foundation has been dedicated to providing assistance to elderly persons throughout Nevada,” says EJC Foundation board member Katie Howe McConnell. “The foundation has been able to provide many seniors with financial assistance for such necessities as eyeglasses, dental work, hearing aids, wheelchairs and more. We are excited about this opportunity to work with the Sanford Center to provide greater access to resources for elderly Nevadans in need.”

Reed praised the EJC Foundation and its board members for stepping up to the plate and providing the generous grant to operationalize rural services from the very beginning.

“With their support, the plan now includes both telehealth approaches to geriatric education for rural providers and telemedicine care to clients in rural communities,” Reed says, adding that the gift from the foundation has created a lot of excitement about the ways in which this new set of services will enhance quality of life and well-being for adults, including those in locations that lack ready access.

The Rural Outreach Services Committee includes Evan Klass, M.D., associate dean for statewide initiatives at the University of Nevada School of Medicine; Mark Walker, dean of the University’s Cooperative Extension; Jennifer Baker '99 (nursing) of the Alzheimer’s Association; Sandra Talley '68 (nursing) with the Orvis School of Nursing; John Packham, director of health policy research at the School of Medicine; Julie Clyde '90 (marketing), '93 MBA and Lisa Dettling '86 (speech communication), '86 (journalism) from the Nevada Health Centers; and Reed, Phillips and Gary Aldax '92 (journalism) from the Sanford Center.

To learn more about supporting the Sanford Center for Aging, please contact Christina Sarman '00, '11 M.A., executive director of development, (775) 784-6009 or christinas@unr.edu or Seema Donahoe '02, assoc. director of development, (775) 682-7304 or sdonahoe@unr.edu.

EJC Foundation supports rural geriatric outreach program

The generosity of an Elko-based foundation will allow for the establishment and operation of the Sanford Center for Aging’s new geriatric rural outreach program in three sites in rural Nevada, with plans and expectations to move into more rural communities.

The geriatric rural outreach program will provide assessment services and clinical health care services to seniors in the University of Nevada, Reno service area by partnering with existing providers in rural communities and using technology to reach seniors where rural providers are not available.

Peter Reed, director of the Sanford Center for Aging, says he is hopeful that following the good work by several planning committees, including the current Rural Outreach Services Committee, an initial set of geriatric services based at the Sanford Center on the University campus with outreach to several rural pilot sites, will be functional July 1.

The idea for the geriatric rural outreach program grew from a needs assessment for seniors in Washoe County and the collaborative planning process that followed. The EJC Foundation stepped in to fund the expansion of those services to rural Nevada communities.

“The interdisciplinary geriatric assessment clinic will be located in the Center for Molecular Medicine on campus. Dr. Steve Phillips will serve as the medical director and we’re search-

ing for a social services director. The services will grow over time to achieve the comprehensive model that we envision,” Reed says.

EJC board member Jim Copenhaver '70 said the foundation is fortunate to have the opportunity to work with the Sanford Center and its staff to develop an impressive program that delivers health care to seniors.

“Peter has put into place an impressive staff to implement the program. We are looking forward to working with them to improve health care for our seniors,” Copenhaver says.

His wife and fellow EJC Foundation board member, Jody '71 (elementary education), said the foundation will provide financial assistance over a five-year period to fund work in planning and implementing the clinical rural outreach program.

“It is our hope that this gift will have a lasting and positive impact on health care for seniors in under-served communities across the state,” she says.

The EJC Foundation, formed anonymously in 2010 by a couple who lived in rural Nevada, provides assistance with physical, mental, emotional or similar needs to those 55 and older, either directly or through qualified organizations.

The foundation, which operates within the state of Nevada with an emphasis on older persons residing in rural northern and central

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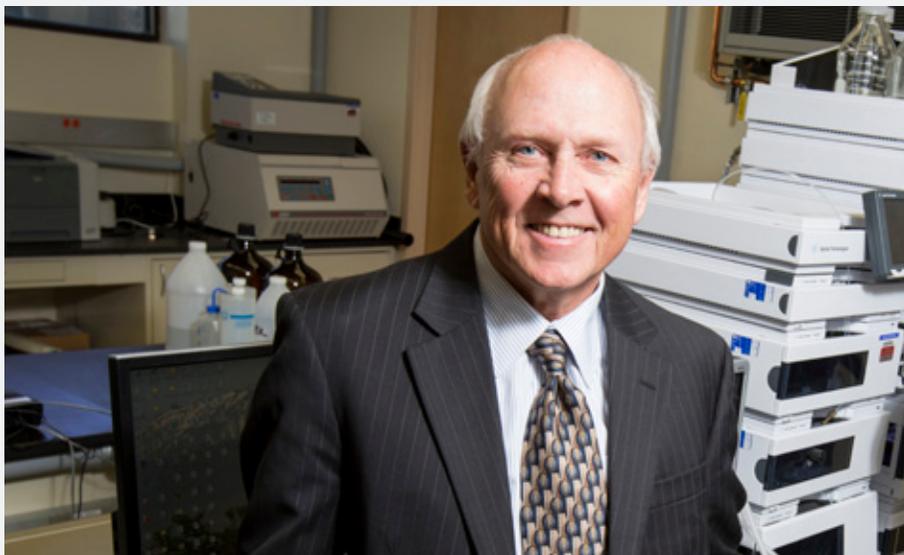


Photo by Theresa Dama-Douglass

Biomedical researcher Mick Hitchcock, Ph.D., has made a gift to create an endowed chair of biochemistry at the School of Medicine and the University of Nevada, Reno.

with the dean of CABNR.

“Mick Hitchcock’s gift to fund an endowed chair in the department of biochemistry and molecular biology is very welcome,” says Bill Payne, dean of CABNR. “His generous donation will have a positive impact on the educational experience of undergraduate and graduate biochemistry students at the University, and contribute to further advancing the excellent standards within that department.”

Hitchcock spent 12 years at Bristol-Myers Squibb prior to joining Gilead. Together with former Bristol colleague John Martin, he developed Viread, approved by the FDA in 2001 as a once-daily pill to treat HIV. Before Viread, a reported 90 percent of AIDS patients had to take as many as a dozen pills throughout the day, suffering side effects including gauntness, anemia and liver damage. Subsequently they developed Atripla, approved in 2006 as the first single-tablet regimen for treatment of HIV that includes the active component of Viread and two other drugs.

Most recently, the company launched Sovaldi, a hepatitis C treatment that can effectively cure most patients with few side effects.

Last year, he established the Michael (Mick) J.M. Hitchcock, Ph.D. Fund for Undergraduate Research Opportunities and the Michael (Mick) J.M. Hitchcock, Ph.D. Fund for Graduate Assistants to provide bridge funding to the School of Medicine so that student research may continue uninterrupted despite across-the-board federal spending cuts.

In addition, Hitchcock has generously made investments in the laboratory research infrastructure at the University of Nevada, Reno.

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—Roseann Keegan

Noted biomedical researcher Mick Hitchcock creates endowed chair for medical biochemistry

Noted biomedical researcher Mick Hitchcock has made a gift to establish the Mick Hitchcock, Ph.D. Endowed Chair in Medical Biochemistry at the University of Nevada, Reno.

Endowed chairs provide a distinguished scholar the opportunity to advance their research, teaching and public service. This tenure track faculty position will bolster research development in medical biochemistry and support the mentor of future scientists.

“The creation of an endowed chair for a distinguished biomedical scientist is the gold standard for how to support a medical school research enterprise,” says Thomas L. Schwenk, M.D., dean of the University of Nevada School of Medicine. “Dr. Hitchcock has honored the medical school with his confidence. He has made an extraordinary commitment that will have a permanent and positive impact on our ability to advance science and train the next generation of scientists.”

Hitchcock, a senior adviser to bio-pharmaceutical company Gilead, has worked more than 30 years in the bio-pharmaceutical industry and played a key role in developing

ground-breaking HIV drugs.

“The creation of this endowment allows me to participate in future advances that will be made by the incumbents for this position and the people they train,” Hitchcock says. “Inspirational research in biochemistry will lead to new understanding of the molecular basis of how cells work, of how they become dysfunctional in diseases and potentially to new drugs for treatment of these conditions.”

The University’s Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology integrates the molecular life sciences from the most basic biology-chemistry interface to molecular genetics and bioinformatics. The molecular tools discovered and researched by faculty today will lead to technologies that manage infectious diseases, cure metabolic and cellular dysfunction, and define the physical quality of life. Faculty within the department are from the University of Nevada School of Medicine and the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources (CABNR). As such, the new chair in medical biochemistry will be named by the dean of the School of Medicine in collaboration



Wolf Pack Blue Tie Ball

The sixth annual Blue Tie Ball was held Feb. 6 at the Peppermill Resort Spa Casino to benefit student-athletes.

- (1) Nevada student-athletes.
- (2) University President Marc Johnson and Dr. Karen Penner-Johnson.
- (3) Ryan Dolan, Jay Kenny '01 and Kylie Keenan '11.
- (4) Billy Lee, Adam Carp '10, '12 M.A., Mike Samuels, Blake

Nehlan '12, Mike Caviston, Kelly McKenna and Bryan McMartin '08.

(5) Grant Korgan '04, Shawna Korgan, Katherine Crowe '14 and ASUN President Jake Pereira.

Nevada Proteomics Center Rededication

The Mick Hitchcock, Ph.D. Nevada Proteomics Center, offering high-quality mass spectral and electrophoretic proteomic analysis, was rededicated

March 18 in honor of a gift from Mick Hitchcock.

(6) University General Counsel Mary Phelps Dugan, Environmental Health and Safety Director Stephanie Woolf '12 Ph.D., Professor/Chair of Pharmacology and Foundation Professor Iain Buxton.

(7) Mick Hitchcock and University of Nevada School of Medicine Dean Tom Schwenk.

(8) Nevada Proteomics Center Manager David Quilici '90, '97 Ph.D.



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Ozmen Center for Entrepreneurship Reception

The Ozmen Center for Entrepreneurship, made possible by a donation from Eren Ozmen '85 MBA and Fatih Ozmen '81 M.S., was celebrated Feb. 19. (See story on page 2.)

(1) Professor of Economics Mark Pingle, Mike Kazmierski, Stuart Feigin, Vice President for Research and Innovation Mridul Gautam.

(2) Murat Ozbek, Jeremy Popov, Tiana Bowlen '08, '10 M.S.,

SNC representative Tim Mathis, The College of Business Dean Greg Mosier, The College of Business Associate Dean Kambiz Raffee and Jerry Harvey.

(3) SNC representative Michael Pansky '12, '13 MBA.

(4) NSHE Chancellor Dan Klaich '72, Associate Professor of Economics Mehmet Tosun and Kambiz Raffee.

(5) University President Marc Johnson, Julie Rowe '94 and Danina Howard.

(6) Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations John Carothers and SNC representative Tim Mathis.

School of Medicine Match Day

Sixty-nine students of the Class of 2015 were matched with some of the nation's most competitive residency programs when they learned the results of the National Resident Matching Program. The event was held simultaneously in Reno and Las Vegas March 20.

(7) Ashley Naughton '10, '11 and Cassandra Puccinelli '10, '11.

(8) The University of Nevada School of Medicine Class of 2015.

(9) Paul Baumgartner and Dionne Drakulich '11.



Photo by Theresa Dama-Douglas

National Wildfire Mitigation Award recipients, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension Marketing Specialist Sonya Sistare '01 and Natural Resources Specialist Ed Smith '78, '84; and Nevada Network of Fire Adapted Communities Advisory Board Member Ann Grant.

Cooperative Extension's Living With Fire program receives Wildfire Mitigation Award

When those involved in protecting homes and land from wildfires met in Reno at the national Wildland Urban Interface Conference in March, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension's Living With Fire program was honored with a national Wildfire Mitigation Award for its leadership role in promoting fire adapted communities. The program was nominated by the Nevada Bureau of Land Management.

The Wildfire Mitigation Awards are the highest national honor one can receive for significant impact in wildfire preparedness and mitigation. The 20 awards presented were jointly sponsored by the National Association of State Foresters, the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the National Fire Protection Association and the USDA Forest Service.

Since 1997, the Living With Fire program has been teaching homeowners how to live more safely with the threat of wildfire. The collaborative program is co-managed by Cooperative Extension Natural Resources Specialist Ed Smith '78 (renewable natural resources), '84 (renewable natural resources), and Market-

ing Specialist Sonya Sistare '01 (marketing). The program has received numerous national awards and is credited with spurring actions that have saved many homes.

Fire-adapted communities

In 2009, the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy established fire-adapted communities as one of three national goals. Smith and Sistare now incorporate this goal into all their efforts, promoting the idea that a community should collectively strive to be able to survive a wildfire with little or no assistance from firefighters. In a survey of homeowners reached by the program in 2013, 92.6 percent of homeowners reported they had taken steps on their properties to become more fire adapted. Last year, the program also established the Nevada Network of Fire Adapted Communities.

"Living With Fire has been way ahead of the curve," says Mike Brown, Fire Chief for North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District and First Vice President of the Nevada Fire Chiefs

Association. "The program really helped set the stage for the national goal of fire adapted communities. They have been very generous in allowing what they've done to be used nationally, and it's been a great success."

Former Montana Fire Safe Council Executive Director Matt Walcott appreciates the work of the Living With Fire program, stating, "The Nevada Living With Fire program is one of the most influential and successful programs of its kind nationwide. Montana has directly benefitted from this program, as have many others."

Smith and Sistare say the success of the program is really due to collaboration with numerous organizations and individuals. In fact, one of the program's longtime volunteers, Ann Grant, an advisory board member of the Nevada Network of Fire Adapted Communities, also received one of the national Wildfire Mitigation Awards. Grant's work since 2005 in her community of Skyland at Lake Tahoe has resulted in 200 of the community's 235 homes (85 percent) now being in compliance with defensible space requirements.

"Ann is without a doubt our most valuable asset," Sistare says. "She helps residents in her own community, as well as others throughout Nevada to learn and take action to reduce their wildfire threat."

Living With Fire partners include the Bureau of Land Management, Nevada Division of Forestry, Sierra Front Wildfire Cooperators, U.S. Forest Service, Lake Tahoe Regional Fire Chiefs Association, Nevada State Fire Marshal Division and more than 130 program collaborators statewide.

—Claudene Wharton, '86, '99 M.A.

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May is Nevada Wildfire Awareness Month. For events and more information, visit <http://www.livingwithfire.info/wildfire-awareness-month>



Photo courtesy Fleischmann Planetarium

Planetarium visitors explore the solar system on “Spaceship Earth” in the Planetarium’s remodeled exhibit hall.

education to develop engaging science programs for kids, and are very excited about the new Spring 2015 STEAM Break Camps for local K-12 students launching this year. We expect many more camps like these to come in the future,” Ruby said.

Ruby wishes to recognize the generosity of all who support Fleischmann Planetarium and its programs, including donors Ann Carlson, International Game Technology, Brad Lemons Foundation, Stern Family of Nevada Foundation and Jack Van Sickle Foundation.

–Sarah Purdy ’02, ’09 M.A.

Giant leaps for Fleischmann Planetarium and Science Center

For native Nevadans, University alumni and Reno tourists, Fleischmann Planetarium’s iconic “hyperbolic paraboloid” architecture conjures up memories of campus life, awe-inspiring star shows, the famous gravity well, an impressive meteorite collection, Nevada childhood, space, science — the future, past and present of Reno itself.

Listed on the National Register of Historic Buildings and designed by famed Reno architect Ray Hellmann, Fleischmann Planetarium has been symbolic of Earth and space science, community collaboration, education, entertainment and outreach for more than 50 years.

Serving nearly 50,000 visitors a year including hundreds of K-12 school field trips, Fleischmann Planetarium has brought the University and space science to the northern Nevada community and beyond without fail since 1963. And while its unforgettable silhouette is a constant, its programs, exhibits, interior spaces and partnerships are always evolving to bring the latest space and earth science technologies and discoveries to northern Nevada.

According to Dan Ruby ’02 (art), ’14 M.S. (secondary education), director of Fleischmann Planetarium, it is thanks to the generosity of donors that the Planetarium has been able to strengthen its programs and partnerships and make improvements to its equipment and facilities to engage and enlighten more than 2 million visitors since the doors opened in 1963.

“Historically, we’ve always received donor support and we’re very grateful to our longtime donors, who have allowed us to buy new shows and equipment and keep up-to-date,” Ruby said. “During and after our 50th anniversary, we received additional support that allowed us to reimagine our exhibit hall space. We were able to incorporate our existing and beloved exhibits and take a creative approach to reconfiguring them to fit with current space science research. What we’ve built and continue to build is an immersive, interactive and dynamic open space that allows us to feature new discoveries as they happen.”

The newly remodeled exhibit hall features new components modeled after the International Space Station, six distinct areas that explore unique components of our solar system and beyond, and a space for revolving exhibits that currently features the award-winning rover vehicle built by a team of students from Washoe County School District’s Academy of Arts, Careers and Technology, who finished first among nearly 100 high school and university teams from around the world in first annual NASA Human Exploration Rover Challenge. The rover project was part of one of many partnerships among the Planetarium and University departments, Washoe County School District, government agencies, nonprofit organizations, local businesses and others.

“We are working very closely with Washoe County School District and the College of Edu-



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Photo courtesy of Zeb Hogan

National Geographic exhibit features work of University's Zeb Hogan, star of Nat Geo WILD's *Monster Fish*

Zeb Hogan mixes science, adventure and exploration in his quest to find, study and protect the world's largest freshwater fish. A new National Geographic Museum exhibition, *Monster Fish: In Search of the Last River Giants*, features his work.

Hogan is an ecologist and has been a research assistant professor at the University of Nevada, Reno since 2006. He chronicles his travels as host of the Nat Geo WILD television show *Monster Fish*.

The University is an educational partner with National Geographic in the exhibition that opened March 26 at National Geographic's Washington, D.C. headquarters and runs through Oct. 12.

"This fascinating exhibition is like a trip around the world with one of Nat Geo's favorite explorers in search of bizarre and extraordinary species of freshwater fish," said National Geographic's Vice President of Exhibitions Kathryn Keane. "Zeb Hogan shows us that despite their size, these fish are an increasingly fragile link in some of the most important freshwater ecosystems on Earth."

Hogan is also a National Geographic Fellow

and faculty member in the College of Science's biology department. In his travels he finds the world's largest freshwater fish—megafish like six-foot trout in Mongolia, rare spear-tooth freshwater sharks, huge wolf fish and electric eels or 14-foot-long stingrays in Thailand. Nearly 20 of the fish he studies and profiles on the show will be featured in the 6,000-square-foot interactive exhibition.

"The University's College of Science values scientific curiosity, discovery and ambition, and we encourage our students to see themselves as global citizens and our faculty to contribute solutions with global impact. Our educational partnership with National Geographic for this exhibit is an ideal fit with these values," Jeff Thompson, dean of the College of Science, said. "This endeavor will inspire young people to pursue interests, degrees and careers in the environmental sciences and contribute to a better understanding of the fragile health of fresh-water ecosystems around the world."

The exhibition will travel over the next five years to other museums around the United States. It aims to educate visitors through the

use of photos, videos, animations, interactive exercises, sculpture and text.

"After spending the last 20 years studying these elusive fish, I'm gratified to see that they are now the subject of a large-scale museum exhibition," Hogan said. "It's my hope that this exhibition will reach millions of people and increase awareness and appreciation for these often misunderstood and, in many cases,



Photo by Rebecca Hale/National Geographic

LEFT: Zeb Hogan, research assistant professor in the University's College of Science, travels the globe studying and protecting the world's largest freshwater fish. BOTTOM: Artists and sculptors prepare for the new National Geographic Museum exhibition. This big fish, the arapaima gigas, is one of the largest fish in South America.

imperiled giants of the deep.”

With five impressive life-size sculptures (some as long as 20 feet), adrenaline-pumping video installations and hands-on learning exercises, *Monster Fish* is designed to appeal to a wide audience—from children and families to environmentalists and fishing enthusiasts. A gallery of aquariums with live fish will showcase healthy freshwater ecosystems from around the world.

“These are incredibly rare animals that most people would never have a chance to see or appreciate. This exhibit is a window into an underwater world that few of us have ever experienced,” Hogan said. “These animals can grow to over 20 feet in length, some living more than 100 years, and many are on the edge of extinction. The exhibition is the culmination of years of work by many people.”

As part of the exhibition opening, Hogan shared behind-the-scenes adventures and real “fish stories” in a *National Geographic Live* event the evening of March 26 and in a special student matinee that morning.

“Science is not our only tool for protecting these fish,” he said. “Education and outreach are crucial too, because in many places I visit, endangered species conservation is a brand new concept that must be introduced and made relevant.”

Hogan, who has a doctorate in ecology, has worked with nearly 100 scientists on the *Monster Fish* project, which spans six continents (all but Antarctica) and encompasses several of Earth's most diverse freshwater ecosystems including World Heritage Sites, Ramsar Wetlands of International Importance and United Nations Environment Program Biodiversity Hotspots.

—Mike Wolterbeek '02

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To view videos of the exhibit visit: www.unr.edu/science/zeb-hogan



Photo by Jeff Dow

Eric Rasmussen verifies first folios of Shakespeare

“It was a trip of misery to myth,” recounted Eric Rasmussen, Foundation Professor, chair of the University's English Department and one of the world's foremost experts on Shakespeare. His initial hesitancy to visit Saint-Omer, France, was overshadowed by the resulting worldwide media attention and excitement surrounding the discovery of a 17th century first folio of William Shakespeare.

“I received a call from a Saint-Omer librarian a week before I traveled to London for a meeting to plan the British Library exhibit around the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death,” Rasmussen explained. “I didn't want to leave London; most of these calls or inquires amount to nothing, but the Saint-Omer library also has a Gutenberg Bible. It takes someone with enough knowledge and interest to do some research, so I thought I better check it out.”

It was librarians at the public library in northern France, particularly the director of the medieval and early modern collection, Rémy Cordonnier, who took interest in a book with no title page and no marks on the binding. They decided to contact Rasmussen

Foundation Professor Eric Rasmussen is one of the world's preeminent experts on Shakespeare's life, writing and language.

to make the final connection.

“It took almost no time at all to know that I was looking at an original Shakespeare folio.” Before this discovery, it was believed that just 232 of Shakespeare's 800 first folios still existed.

Rasmussen will now focus on curating the British Library Shakespeare exhibition, which marks the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death in April 2016. It will run from April through September 2016.

He has written and edited 50 scholarly books, the majority of which are about Shakespeare. He weighed in on the recent claims about the 1602 quarto edition of Thomas Kyd's play, *The Spanish Tragedy*, which was partially written by Shakespeare, and then moderated a scholarly duel on the authorship of *Double Falsehood*.

At the University, Rasmussen has garnered numerous grants and fellowships, including the University's highest award for teaching excellence, the F. Donald Tibbitts Distinguished Teacher Award. He also received the top teaching award for the entire Nevada System of Higher Education, the Regents' Teaching Award, and was selected last year as a Foundation Professor.

—Natalie Savidge, '04



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NMSA Board Director Alex Woodley, University Director of Veterans Services Terina Caserto '04 M.A., Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations John Carothers, NMSA Board Chairman Perry Di Loreto, NMSA Board President Scott Bensing, University President Marc Johnson, NMSA Board Member Eathan O'Bryant, NMSA Board Member Dan Morgan, and NMSA Board Vice Chairman Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Ronald Bath '68, '71 MBA.

Military Support Alliance pledges \$300,000 to new Veteran and Military Center

During a Veterans Day ceremony honoring student, staff and faculty veterans, the Nevada Military Support Alliance presented a \$300,000 gift to support the creation of the new Veteran and Military Center on the University campus. Veterans will be able to connect with other veterans in the new center, which will be located on the third level of the William N. Pennington Student Achievement Center, now under construction and scheduled to open in 2016.

"The Nevada Military Support Alliance Veterans and Military Center will be an outstand-

ing place for veterans on our campus," said Terina Caserto '04 (counseling and educational psychology), director of the Veteran Services Office at the University. "This gift demonstrates the University's continued support of our service men and women on campus."

The University – named for the second year in a row as a top military-friendly school by the *Military Advanced Education* journal – has seen its veteran support services grow in the last few years. Three years ago, the University received the Veterans Integration to Academic Leadership (VITAL) grant from the Veterans'

Health Administration. The grant provides funding for a mental health clinician on the campus to work with veteran students to improve retention and graduation. The University serves about 500 student veterans with the Post 9/11 GI Bill, and a new VetSMART network provides an outreach program for students, faculty and staff to help them better adapt and succeed in college.

"This is an important gift, as it supports development of our new Veteran and Military Center, and it underscores the appreciation of our community and nation for those who have served," said University President Marc Johnson.

LOOK ONLINE

Learn more about veteran services at the University at unr.edu/veteran.

–Natalie Savidge, '04

Prepared to push the boundaries of what was once thought impossible

At its Winter Commencement ceremony Dec. 6 at Lawlor Events Center, the University conferred 1,475 degrees and certificates: 1,094 bachelor's degrees and 381 advanced degrees (master's and doctoral degrees).

"If there is a message for you to carry away this morning, it's this: you never know what's around the corner," University President Marc Johnson said. "Four years ago we had no idea drones and electric cars would be in the Univer-

sity's future. Four years from now, who knows?"

"I do know one thing for certain," Johnson said. "Four years from now, you will be the ones who will be pushing the boundaries of what was once thought impossible.

"Graduates of our University carry with them the unmistakable knowledge that the mistakes of the past don't have to be repeated; that compassion and humanity and understanding will be carried forward into tomorrow and will define your everyday lives, no matter your profession. Now, you are all prepared to meet the next big challenge. Especially in a world where when opportunity knocks, you'd better be ready to answer."

–Nicole Shearer '03



Photo by Theresa Danna-Douglas

Nearly 1,500 degrees were conferred during the University's 2014 Winter Commencement.



Photo courtesy of Renown Health

Fang Jiang, assistant professor in the Brain and Cognitive Science group in the University's Department of Psychology, studies images created by new fMRI technology at Renown Health.

New partnership to advance brain research

University specialists in the field of neuroscience are working with Renown Health to bring new research capabilities to northern Nevada. The research group, led by Professor of Psychology Michael Webster, has purchased equipment that augments the existing 3T magnetic resonance imaging technology at Renown Health for studies of human brain function.

A standard MRI scan can produce anatomical images which reveal the physical structure of the brain. The new equipment will allow the same technology to be used to measure patterns of neural activity in the brain, and is known as functional MRI (fMRI).

"fMRI can be used to measure which parts of the brain are activated when we look at a picture or try to remember an event," Webster said. "fMRI has revolutionized the field of neuroscience and has led to many new discoveries about how the brain works and how it is affected by injury or disease. However, until now, this technology has not been available in northern Nevada."

The new equipment was purchased through the University's Center for Integrative Neuroscience with part of a \$10 million competitive National Institutes of Health grant and is based at Renown Regional Medical Center in Reno. The grant was awarded to Webster and his team in 2012 to establish a Center of Biomedical Research and Excellence and to further enhance neuroscience research on campus. By joining forces with Renown's existing MRI facility, the University can now mount fMRI research for a fraction of the cost required to build a facility from scratch.

The fMRI facility was key in recruiting Fang Jiang as a new assistant professor in the Brain and Cognitive Science group within the University's Department of Psychology. Jiang

uses fMRI to study individuals with vision or hearing impairments to understand how the brain compensates for the loss of a sense. She comes to the University with a prestigious grant award from the National Institutes of Health that supports rising research stars.

The partnership is representative of a new era of collaboration between the University and Renown Health, which recently formalized an affiliation agreement with a number of initiatives, including a joint Chair of Pediatrics.

"The installment of this equipment also complements recent initiatives in neuroscience education at the University," said Executive Vice President and Provost Kevin Carman. "The University has a rapidly expanding interdisciplinary undergraduate degree program in neuroscience—with more than 300 students currently majoring in the degree—and a new interdisciplinary Ph.D. program in neuroscience.

—Natalie Savidge, '04

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Photo and video downloads of the fMRI equipment and research are available at unr.edu/neuroscience/fmri.



Photo by Theresa Danna-Douglas

Peavine Hall takes shape

Last fall, more than 230 prospective students took time from their campus tour to sign the last beam before it was lifted into place, completing the steel infrastructure of Peavine Hall. The traditional "topping off" ceremony marked an important construction milestone for the University's new residence hall scheduled to open in August 2015.

"We wanted to make prospective students feel welcome before they're even students of the University," Associate Vice President and Dean of Students Jerry Marczyński said.

Construction of the five-story residence hall on Sierra Street responds both to the University's growing enrollment as well as the growing demand for on-campus housing, especially for incoming freshmen. Peavine Hall will be home to nearly 400 students in two- and four-person rooms.



Photo courtesy Scott Tyler

University Professor Scott Tyler, right, unspools fiber optic cable in preparation for lowering it down a small bore hole that goes 200 meters through the Antarctic's Ross Ice Shelf and 600 meters into the ocean below.

Antarctic ice shelf and sea interface temperatures recorded for first time

For the first time, scientists have continuously recorded temperatures at the bottom of an Antarctic ice shelf where warmer sea water threatens to erode the massive ice which, if it collapses and glacial melting occurs, could cause a three-meter rise in ocean levels around the world.

"This is the first time we can see the changes in the melting of these enormous ice shelves daily and at millimeter accuracy," said Scott Tyler, Foundation Professor of geosciences in

the geography department and a hydrologist in the University's College of Science. "This is critical for detecting the changes that may be occurring due to climate change."

Tyler and his research team dropped a 3/4-mile-long fiber optic cable through the Ross Ice Shelf and into the frigid sea waters below. The armored cable, when combined with a laser, acts as a thermometer. It recorded temperatures every meter along its length every two to four hours, continuously for 14

months. The change in temperature at the sea and ice interface indicates the thickness of the icepack as warm wind-driven waters eat away at the bottom of the ice shelf.

"The ice shelves serve as the 'corks' holding the large glaciers of west Antarctica from sliding into the ocean and raising the sea level," he said.

After nearly three years of preparation, implementation and data gathering from one of the harshest environments on earth, Tyler is pleased with the data gathered from the fiber optic cable that is encased in 200 meters of sea ice and hanging 600 meters to the bottom of the ocean.

"The system can give the world relevant data on sea and ice temperatures for tracking climate change and its effect on the glacial ice surrounding the continent," Tyler said. "We do show warming of the shelf seasonally, but it is only the first year of data. It will probably take a few years to get a more continuous picture and we are proposing to expand our monitoring network to do just that."

—Mike Wolterbeek '02



Photo by Theresa Dame-Douglas

Emma Sepúlveda receives White House appointment to national board

President Barack Obama has appointed Emma Sepúlveda Pulvirenti '76 (Spanish), '78

M.A., Foundation Professor in Foreign Language and Literature and director of the Latino Research Center, to the 12-member J. William

Fullbright Foreign Scholarship Board, which selects students, scholars, teachers and others from the United States and abroad to participate in Fulbright exchanges, an international educational exchange program for grantees to study, teach or conduct research.

"It's a wonderful honor to be nominated to the Fulbright Commission by President Obama," Sepúlveda said. "I am grateful to be

among so many great leaders and take this appointment seriously; the Fulbright Program is one near and dear to my heart."

Sepúlveda has been a Foundation Professor at the University since 2004, and will continue in this role as she fulfills her duties with the Fulbright Board. She is a two-time winner of the International Latino Book Award and the author of more than 25 books, including works of poetry, fiction, non-fiction, photography, literary criticism and textbooks. Sepúlveda received a bachelor's and master's degree in Latin American Literature from the University and a doctorate from the University of California, Davis.

—Natalie Savidge, '04



Photo by Jeff Dow

The National Math and Science Initiative selected the University to join 43 universities as part of an expansion of its science, technology, engineering and math teacher preparation program.

University joins national UTeach expansion

The University is one of five research institutions selected to join a national network of universities in the expansion of the UTeach science, technology, engineering and math teacher preparation program.

A National Math and Science Initiative, UTeach recruits college students studying STEM subjects into secondary teaching careers. It enables them to receive both degrees in their majors and teaching certifications without additional time or cost, preparing them with a field-intensive curriculum, and promoting retention through induction support and ongoing professional development.

“UTeach is a best practice for meeting this critical shortage and has been highly successful at increasing math and science education graduates at universities in 16 states throughout the United States,” said Kenneth Coll, dean of the University’s College of Education. “As the first to implement this model in our region, we will specifically and collaboratively work with Nevada school districts in identifying and encouraging their graduates to pursue careers in secondary education.”

The University’s UTeach program will be called NevadaTeach and will involve the colleges of education, engineering and science.

The UTeach Expansion Program was created in 2007 in partnership with the UTeach Institute at the University of Texas at Austin to address the pressing need for a greater number of highly qualified STEM teachers. Universities were selected to participate in the program through a competitive process, and eligibility was limited to schools classified by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching as having “high” or “very high” research activity.

LOOK ONLINE

For more information about UTeach visit uteach-institute.org

The national program expansion was made possible by a \$22.5 million grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. Each university will receive \$1.45 million during a five-year grant period to support implementation costs of the program.

–Nicole Shearer ’03

Faces on the Quad

KRISTIN KRAMER, civil engineering major, was a project manager and member of the women’s endurance team for the University’s 2014 national champion concrete canoe team. Teams competed for the highest score, a composite of three races, canoe aesthetics, a technical paper and an oral presentation. Kramer was part of the two-person University team that won the oral presentation. Later in 2014, Kramer and fellow engineering students were selected as grand-prize winners of the American Society of Civil Engineers Student Chapter Music Video Contest. Kramer starred in the video parody of Taylor Swift’s song “Shake It Off” that shows how engineers use the University’s renowned Earthquake Engineering Lab to design safer bridges and buildings. Kramer recently took the helm as the University’s ASCE Student Chapter President.



JUAN LOPEZ, Reynolds School of Journalism alumnus and current MBA student, brought the 2015 TEDxUniversityofNevada audience to its feet with the story of his personal challenges with stuttering. He presented his experience as a metaphor, encouraging everyone to find and accept “their stutter.” Lopez joined the TEDx cast of speakers after winning the Nevada Student Speaker Competition. A “pay-it-forward kind-of-man,” Lopez has a knack for helping people overcome excuses and barriers. As an undergraduate student, Lopez won the Henry Albert Senior Public Service Award and was the managing editor and editor-in-chief for *The Nevada Sagebrush*, a reading and math tutor, an online media manager for a local realty company and marketing coordinator for a health and fitness center. He now runs his own online marketing business, serves as national director of planning and marketing for Nu Alpha Kappa Fraternity, Inc., and is a National Physique Committee competitor.

MARGARITA “MAGGIE” SALAS CRESPO, a senior anthropology major from Las Vegas, was invited by the Mexican government in October 2014 as part of a group of 42 “Dreamers” who traveled to Mexico City for a cultural and educational program organized by the Mexican Embassy and Mexico’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The young people selected engaged in conversations about the importance of the bi-national relationship between Mexico and the United States. Crespo was brought to the United States by her parents when she was 10. She is a member of the University’s Latino Student Advisory Board and a 2015 scholarship recipient recognized by the United States Hispanic Leadership Institute.





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The College of Engineering team of Gabrielle Bachand, Andrew McNeilly and Nolan Nicholson spent a week at the Walt Disney Imagineering headquarters where they presented their project, networked with Imagineers and celebrated with Mickey.

Engineering students shine at Disney

Three engineering students from Nevada made it to the finals of the Walt Disney Imaginations Design Competition where they spent one week in January in a competition with five other finalist universities at the Walt Disney Imagineering headquarters in Glendale, Calif.

“I wondered if going backstage was going to ruin the magic,” team member Gabbi Bachand said. “Was it going to change how I felt about the company? Was I going to see something I wish I hadn’t? And the answer to all of these was a resounding ‘no.’ Disney is as magical backstage as it is in the parks, and I hold even more respect and admiration for the company

knowing how effectively they operate.”

The Imagineers were intrigued with the project presented by the student team of Bachand, Andrew McNeilly and Nolan Nicholson.

“The Nevada team put a lot of work into preparing for this visit, and it’s been fun to see the excitement on their faces as the work pays off in a week of surprises,” said Jonathan Friday, Walt Disney Imagineering associate creative producer. “Nolan, Gabrielle and Andrew have risen to the challenge with fresh perspective and enthusiasm.”

For this year’s Imaginations design com-

petition, students were given the challenge to take what Disney does best and apply it to transportation within a major city. The Nevada team created a hypothetical Disney transportation experience based in Chicago’s subway system. As finalists, the three earned internship interviews and were subsequently awarded internships to work with Walt Disney Imagineering Research and Development this summer. Guests would be able to “travel” into classic literature plots including a sci-fi space mission, a far-away jungle expedition, a deep ocean dive and a historic Chicago adventure with corresponding themed destinations within the downtown area.

–Mike Wolterbeek ’02

Hiding in plain sight: GPS may detect elusive dark matter

The everyday use of a GPS device might be to find your way around town or even navigate a hiking trail, but the GPS might be a tool in directly detecting and measuring dark matter, so far an elusive but ubiquitous form of matter responsible for the formation of galaxies.

Andrei Derevianko, a College of Science professor who teaches quantum physics, and his colleague Maxim Pospelov of the University of Victoria and the Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics in Canada, have proposed a method for a dark-matter search with GPS satellites and other atomic clock networks that compares times from the clocks and looks for discrepancies. Their paper on the topic was published in the peer-reviewed scientific journal *Nature Physics*.

“Despite solid observational evidence for the existence of dark matter, its nature remains a mystery,” Derevianko said. “Some research

programs in particle physics assume that dark matter is composed of heavy-particle-like matter. This assumption may not hold true and significant interest exists for alternatives.”

Only five percent of mass and energy in the universe in the form of ordinary matter can be explained. There is evidence that dark energy is about 68 percent of the mystery mass and energy. The remaining 27 percent is generally acknowledged to be dark matter, even though it is not visible and eludes direct detection and measurement.

“Our research pursues the idea that dark matter may be organized as a large gas-like collection of topological defects or energy cracks,” Derevianko said. “We propose to detect the defects, the dark matter, as they sweep through us with a network of sensitive atomic clocks. The idea is, where the clocks go out of synchronization, we would know that

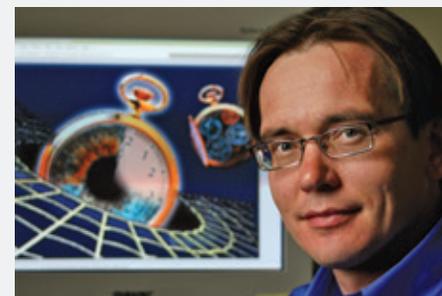


Photo by Jean Dixon

The international science community has taken notice of quantum physicist Andrei Derevianko’s published proposal to use networks of synchronized atomic clocks to detect dark matter.

dark matter, the topological defect, has passed by. In fact, we envision using the GPS constellation as the largest human-built dark-matter detector.”

–Mike Wolterbeek ’02



Twenty speakers, including noted author Barry Posner, spoke at TEDxUniversityofNevada 2015.

MBA, boasted six published authors and two recording artists.

“Each person who took the stage offered incredibly personal insight creating a definitive mood and sentiment with our audience,” said Bret Simmons, associate professor in The College of Business and TEDxUniversityofNevada event organizer. “That’s one of the elements that’s so great about this type of event. A speaker’s passion is transparent, and passionate speakers, regardless of the topic, resonate not only with the event-day audience but also with online viewers once the videos are posted.”

LOOK ONLINE
Visit tedxuniversityofnevada.org to view the talks.

Photo by Theresa Darnie-Douglas

–Nicole Shearer '03

Rave reviews for 2015 TEDxUniversityofNevada

Twenty passionate speakers took the stage Jan. 23 as part of this year’s TEDxUniversityof-

Nevada. The independent TEDx event, hosted by The College of Business Online Executive

3D scans of Ichthyosaur fossils created with Smithsonian

Professor Paula Noble and undergraduate geology and geological engineering student Paige dePolo are part of an ongoing research collaboration with the Smithsonian Institution’s Museum of Natural History to scan Nevada’s state fossils. Their work, using terrestrial LiDAR, Artec 3D light scanners and photogrammetry technology, will contribute to an upcoming Smithsonian exhibit in Washington, D.C.

Last year, Noble and dePolo assisted the Smithsonian team at the Berlin Ichthyosaur State Park near Gabbs, Nev., where nine adult Ichthyosaur specimens are preserved in the rock within the quarry.

Since that initial trip, and in conjunction with the Desert Research Institute and the University’s Nevada Seismological Laboratory,



Photo courtesy of Paula Noble

Geology and geological engineering major Paige dePolo and Neil Kelley of the Smithsonian completed photogrammetry and 3D scanning at the Nevada State Museum in Las Vegas.

Noble and dePolo have returned to the park to scan the quarry using terrestrial LiDAR. They also traveled to the Nevada State Museum in Las Vegas with Smithsonian Ichthyosaur expert Neil Kelley to do smaller-scale photogrammetry and hand-held 3D scanning of the

fossils in a controlled environment.

Photogrammetry takes a series of high-resolution pictures at different angles, which can be stitched together.

–Annie Conway, Class of 2015

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Photo by Lee Pfalmer

Message from the President

Dear Nevada Alumni,

Like most Nevada graduates, I am extremely proud of my alma mater. I could tell you where on campus I took Econ 101, where I met my wife, and where and when I could get the best drink specials. Remembering this got me to thinking how far our beloved Nevada has come, so I wanted to share a few thoughts with you.



Matt Clifton '93
President

Did you know?

- An increase of 2,000 new students at the University has an estimated economic impact of \$88 million per year on our local economy.*
- Student enrollment is expected to surpass 20,000 by fall of 2015.
- We are nearly 87,000 alumni strong, and more than half live in Nevada.
- The Nevada Alumni Association and its chapters produce more than 65 events each year such as Pack Picnics, tailgate parties, March from the Arch, mystery bus dinners.
- The Nevada Alumni Association awarded more than \$45,000 in student scholarships last year.
- There are 26 active alumni chapters engaging alumni throughout the United States.
- Currently 1,870 alumni and friends are dues-paying members of the Nevada Alumni Association.

There are so many exciting things happening at OUR Nevada, and it is easy to miss them if you are not in touch. The Nevada Alumni Association is working hard to keep you connected, and that mission includes growing our dues-paying membership base. It is so simple to become an annual or lifetime member. Just visit alumni.unr.edu/membership and sign up!

If you are already one of the 1,870 dues-paying members of the Nevada Alumni Association, I thank you for your commitment to Nevada. If you are one of the 85,000 who are not members, then I call on you to join today. Not for benefits or perks (of which there are many), but simply because it is the right thing to do for Nevada!

Sincerely,

Matt Clifton '93

President, Nevada Alumni Council

P.S. Remember! Just because you receive the *Nevada Silver and Blue*, doesn't mean you're a dues-paying member. Check the back cover to see your membership status.

**Economic impact study conducted by Brian Bonnenfant '97 M.S., program manager of geographic information services for the Nevada Small Business Development Center at the University of Nevada.*

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Class Chat



Valerie Glenn '76

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'60s

N Barbara Marcus '61 (journalism) recently moved from her home of 17 years in Beverly Hills, Calif. to Santa Barbara's Samarkand retirement community. With no more home repairs or expensive upkeep, she is looking forward to more time with her friends and loved ones.

'70s

Bill Kroger '70 (journalism), '81 M.A. (economics) has published his first novel, "Fallon's Orphans." An action-thriller set in exotic locations around the world, the story centers on an ancient battle between an Orthodox Christian sect based in Istanbul and a mafia-like Islamic group. The book is available through Amazon.

Valerie Glenn '76 (journalism), CEO and principal of The Glenn Group Companies, has been elected to a two-year term as president of the Nevada chapter of the International Women's Forum. In this role, Valerie will further the IWF's mission to advance the leadership of women.

Steve Martarano '79 (journalism) is the public affairs specialist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Bay-Delta office in downtown Sacramento. He is also a writer, and his story about baseball player Andrew Susac was recently featured on the cover of *Comstock's* magazine. Steve and his wife Sharon have lived in Sacramento for nearly 30 years.

'80s

Bill Thimmesch '85 (education), '87 M.A. (speech communication) is now program manager for executive development at the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C.

J. Carlos Velazquez '87 (speech/theater) has been promoted to president of HMA Associates, Inc., a communications and health marketing firm based in Washington, D.C. Carlos oversees national communications campaigns aimed at reducing health disparities and improving access to health care delivery systems. His cam-

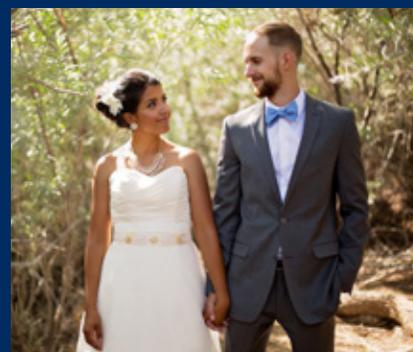
paigns have won several national and international awards. Carlos lives in Virginia where he serves on the Arlington County Commission for the Arts and the Human Rights Commission. He is president of Crystal City Evening Toastmasters, which was recently named Club of the Year.

Sharon Lowe '89 (general studies), '95 M.A. (history) was named one of the Top 25 Junior and Community College Professors in the U.S. by RateMyProfessors.com, as reported by USA

Wolf Mates



Kurt Dietrich '00 (civil engineering), '08 (construction management) and Candace Watson were married Nov. 29, 2014, at the Nevada Northern Railway National Historic Site in Ely, Nev. They joined in matrimony on the Steptoe Valley Flyer, the original steam train that served White Pine County from 1906 to 1941.



Alex Mingo '10 (biology) and **Jessica (Warren) Mingo '10** (nutrition) were married last July. Family and friends, including many Nevada alumni, attended the ceremony and reception in Sparks, Nev. Alex and Jessica now reside in Sparks and continue to support the Wolf Pack.

Today, Sharon is a history professor at Truckee Meadows Community College and received the *Reno Gazette-Journal* TMCC Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award in 2008.

'90s

Alison Fogarty '96 (biology) was recently named vice president of marketing for the Mystic Lake Casino Hotel in Prior Lake, Minn.

Alison has been working in the gaming industry for more than a decade and is excited to be part of the Mystic Lake marketing team.

'00s

Pam Beaton '00 (health science) is director of education for the American Society of Transplant Surgeons (ASTS) and has been named to fellow status with the Alliance for

Continuing Education in the Health Professions (ACEHP), a prominent organization in the field of continuing health education. Pam was acknowledged for her continued volunteer service to ACEHP, including participation in mentoring, committees and presentations, and conveying a commitment to continuing education/medical education over many years.



Photo courtesy K-von

Kickin' it with K-von | My first marathon

I went to Honolulu to perform in a comedy show and later that night one of the patrons asked if I was also running the marathon the next morning? Having just done a bunch of leg exercises that day, I said they didn't need any more punishment. "Too bad, it's the 3rd biggest in the USA. People are flying in from all over the world for it," he replied.

Here's how my brain works: I mean, if people are spending thousands of dollars for this, and I'm already here, this is a huge savings... and I LOVE SAVINGS! Therefore, I must do this marathon. Besides, how bad could 26.2 miles be when you have palm trees, ocean, and potential whales to look at? So, I went for it, and the following is a rough timeline of my experience:

4:15 a.m. My hotel was two miles from the starting point and all of the roads were closed, so I just jogged to the starting line.

5:00 a.m. The gun goes off and I'm feeling great, passing thousands of people for the first 12 miles. There's mist in the air, fog, and an army of 30,000 people on the course. It was epic!

6:45 a.m. We head into the hills of Honolulu. At the higher elevation it's pouring rain, but not just straight down, the wind is whipping it back and forth. Now my socks and shoes are squishy. I can't help but notice I'm no longer passing anyone.

7:30 a.m. The sun is coming up and the scenery is absolutely gorgeous, but I'm not enjoying any of it. I feel fine and lungs are doing great, but my legs are starting to give out. Yesterday's squats and lunges seem like a really bad idea now. Then, at the 17-mile marker it began... throngs of people started passing me.

8:00 a.m. When an athlete passes you, it's one thing, but around mile 20 it got out of control... EVERYBODY was going by now! Was this a hidden camera show? A father and son, two people in Disney costumes with big heavy foam heads, a little Japanese girl, followed by a grandma in flip flops... yes, FLIP FLOPS! Then I hear, "On your left." I look back, no one is there. Am I hallucinating? Then again, "ON YOUR LEFT!" I look back... and down. Here comes a wheel chair athlete passing me with a vengeance UP a hill!

8:20 a.m. At mile 22, for no reason, I literally cried out "PIZZA!" I'm still not sure why. Apparently my final words will be something along those lines some day. No poetic "E tu Brute?" for me.

9:10 a.m. I see the finish line in the distance and I'm desparately running (slowly shuffling my feet) towards it, but it seems to keep moving further and further away.

The longest .2 miles of my life. I cross the line and realize since I haven't paid, I have no friends in town. There will be no finishing t-shirt, no medal, and no official race photos. Basically, NO PROOF THIS EVER HAPPENED! And as a bonus, I get to walk two more miles back to the hotel.

The Hawaiian people were very supportive. Many lined up outside their homes holding out snacks they'd made. Of course I reached into about every bowl, bucket and tray to grab a handful of whatever they offered, shoved it in my face, and kept moving. Some items were better than others. Luckily all were edible. Felt kinda like trick-or-treating on the run.

Going into the marathon I had 3 goals: Don't get injured. Don't stop running. Break 4 hours. Accomplishing the first two, I was fairly close on the final one with a finishing time of 4 hours 10 minutes. As you might expect, Kenyans won in the men/women's division, both with a time of around 2 hours and 20 minutes.

I was feeling fairly good about myself for running on a whim. So I looked up celebrities and their previous times, and I discovered I beat Oprah, Al Gore and P Diddy, but was smoked by Will Ferrell, George W. Bush and Sarah Palin. Therefore, unfortunately, this will not be my last marathon. Next time however, I will plan at least a month in advance... and PAY so there's some actual evidence!

K-von '03 (marketing) is a Nevada alum and comedian. He wrote, directed and stars in the new film "NOWRUZ: Lost & Found" officially selected by the "Reno Tahoe International Film Festival". Look for it June 4th weekend and bring the whole family! Visit www.Kvon.tv or www.facebook.com/KvonComedy for information.



Kathleen (Slaboch) Kirkpatrick '00



Katie (Perkins) Nannini '00



Manita Rawat '01

Eric Harper '00 (English literature), '03 M.A. (English), '08 MBA recently earned a doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania, and was promoted to director of organizational development for Harley-Davidson Financial Services. Eric and his wife, **Maiko Yamagiwa '01** (English literature), '05 M.S. (speech pathology), reside in Dallas with their two daughters.

Kathleen (Slaboch) Kirkpatrick '00 (journalism) was recently appointed director of marketing and communications for Truckee Meadows Community College where she oversees internal and external communications, college advertising, emergency communications, social media and more. She serves on the non-profit board of directors for Note-Able Music Therapy

Services and as the president of the Reno Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota.

Katie (Perkins) Nannini '00 (journalism) has recently joined NV Energy's Corporate Communications Department as senior media relations representative in northern Nevada. Before joining NV Energy, Katie worked with Immunize Nevada, The Glenn Group, Food Bank of Northern Nevada and Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center.

Manita Rawat '01 (biochemistry, mathematics) has been promoted to partner with Duane Morris LLP in Philadelphia. As a registered patent attorney with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Manita has significant experience in patent preparation and prosecution, working pri-

marily with mechanical, aerospace and software technologies. She has a technical background in biochemistry and applied mathematics with concentrations in computer science, aerospace engineering and statistical analysis.

Kristen (Newton) Mayer '02 (journalism) has recently become a financial advisor at Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc., member SIPC and NYSE, a full-service brokerage and investment banking firm in downtown Reno.

Christopher Moore '02 (international relations, Spanish) was lead editor on a recently published travel book about Shenzhen, China, a city located just over the border from Hong Kong. *Shenzhen: The Book* is available through Amazon and at ShenzhenBook.com.





Rob Gaedtke '05



Lee Nelson '05 M.A.



Karl Fendelander '06



Kelly Glenn '06



Christine (LoRusso) Parman '06

Elliot Sparkman '04 (general studies) has been hired as an on-site activation manager with Anheuser-Busch in Austin, Texas. Elliot will manage on-site activity as well as festival and sports properties in Austin, San Antonio and College Station. He credits the service industry experience he gained during his time at the University of Nevada for his professional success. Elliot proudly serves as president of the Nevada Cheer and Spirit Alumni Chapter.

Rob Gaedtke '05 (journalism) has been named CEO of KPS3, a marketing and technology company based in Reno. Rob rejoined KPS3 in 2011 as shareholder and vice president of creative and technical services, during which time he led the agency's evolution and growth in the digital and web division. In his new role as CEO, Rob will be responsible for the day-to-day management of the company and its 30-person team.

Lee Nelson '05 M.A. (history) has been hired as head coach of the Nevada Wolf Pack women's volleyball program. Lee returns to Nevada after

a strong three-year run as an assistant coach at the University of Miami where he helped lead the Hurricanes to three straight NCAA Tournament appearances. Previously, he served as a Wolf Pack assistant coach.

Karl Fendelander '06 (English) recently joined Biggest Little Group (BLG), a marketing communications firm in Reno as a partner and content director. Karl has been developing web content since the late 1990s, and comes to BLG after owning Smiling Eye Media, a writing, editing and web design firm in Reno.

Kelly Glenn '06 (journalism) is vice president of account management at The Glenn Group and has been elected 2015 president of Western Industrial Nevada (WIN).

Christine (LoRusso) Parman '06 (accounting) is a life insurance agent with New York Life and recently earned membership in the prestigious Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT). MDRT membership represents the top life insurance and financial service professionals worldwide.

Christine recently started Parman Insurance and Financial Services with her husband, Brian, to help their clients with insurance, investments and retirement planning from the nation's top financial institutions, including New York Life.

Jen (Hyllin) Vittori '06 (animal science) has become an associate veterinarian with Desert Hills Animal Hospital. Jen is a fifth-generation Nevadan, born in Reno, who completed her education at local area schools. She lives in Reno with her husband **Josh Vittori '06** (forest and rangeland management).

Ashley Brune '07 (journalism) joined Biggest Little Group (BLG) in January as partner and communications director. Before joining BLG, Ashley owned Ashley Brune Communications, a boutique public relations firm in Reno.

Aaron Martinez '08 (civil engineering) has been named one of the 2015 New Faces of Civil Engineering Professionals by the American Society of Civil Engineers. Aaron is the owner of A.M. Engineering in Elko. He also volunteers

Wolf Cubs



Ryan Young '97 (health science), '05 M.D. and Jennifer Jost announce the birth of their daughter, Elliana Clare Jost Young, born May 12, 2014.



Crystel (Carnahan) Durocher '05, **Liz (Welsh) Wesseling '99**, '12 M.A. and **Marissa (Gioglio) Vanhooose '04**, '07 MBA, have spent the last 10 years as running and travel partners. Recently the alums took a break from running to welcome their cubs. Left to right: Cole Durocher, Johanna Wesseling and Lucca Vanhooose.



Cynthia Esparza-Trigueros '07 (political science and women's studies), '13 M.A. (educational leadership) celebrated her niece Alina Trigueros' 2nd birthday with a Wolf Pack themed party on Dec. 20, 2014. Future Nevada alumna in the making!



Chenay Pointer-Bueltel '08 and Chris Bueltel announce the birth of their daughter, Evelyn Rose, on May 5, 2014.



Ashley Brune '07



Taylor Anderson '10

with the City of Elko Planning Commission, and he served as a mentor for the Boys and Girls Club, Truckee Meadows Branch.

'10s

Taylor Anderson '10 (political science) recently graduated cum laude from Willamette University College of Law with his doctor of jurisprudence. Taylor was admitted to the Oregon State Bar in October 2014, and is currently working as a judicial clerk for the Hon. Jay A. McAlpin at the Lane County Circuit Court in Eugene, Ore.

Alicia Echevarria '11 (civil engineering) received her Ph.D. in civil engineering from the

University of Connecticut in December. She is employed by the engineering firm HNTB in Manhattan, N.Y. in their structural and security-based design department. Alicia is the co-inventor of a patent-pending structural column system and has presented at the ASCE/SEI Structures Congress. She is currently teaming on several security mitigation projects for critical facilities throughout the United States.

Jeromy Manke '12 (international business) was recently elected to the Society for Human Resource Management's prestigious Young Professionals Advisory Council. Jeromy is one of 15 young professionals elected for a one-year term that began Jan. 1.

William Stevens '13 M.D. was elected chief resident for 2015-16 in the Department of Family Medicine at Madigan Army Medical Center at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Tacoma, Wash. William is a captain in the U.S. Army and lives with his wife, **Marysa (Falk) Stevens '11** (journalism) in Lacy, Wash.

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Chapter Updates



TOP: The Nevada Bay Area Alumni Chapter enjoyed brunch March 14 at the Bullitt in San Francisco. Left to right: Brita Muller '09, Austin Richwood '13, Shenea Strader '05, '07 MBA, Marlon Sanchez '03, '09 MBA, Rory O'Brien '09, Julie Hassna '10 and Jocelyn Weart '00. BOTTOM: The Nevada Bay Area Alumni Chapter gathered for pizza before watching the Wolf Pack at San Jose State Feb. 7. David Farkouh, Chris Strader '05, '07 MBA, Brita Muller '09, Jocelyn Weart '00, Thomas Boyer '03, '06 M. Ed., Blythe Hardeman, Zach Chadim '08, Chul Yim '04, Bernard Kwok '81, '84 MBA, Rory O'Brien '09, Jace Hider '99 and son Colton Hider.

College of Business Alumni Association

Jennifer Landes '07, jlandes@amfam.com

As spring approaches, the College of Business Alumni Association would like to remind soon-to-be graduates that first-year COBAA membership is absolutely free! Visit our chapter page at alumni.unr.edu/chapters to sign up.

COBAA has agreed to match donations up to \$5,000 for the Jane Besette Endowed Scholarship fund. Jane (Stewart) Besette '86, '03 M.A. is a current COBAA board member and University of Nevada faculty emerita.

Please save the date for our COBAA golf tournament May 7 at Wolf Run Golf Club. Visit alumni.unr.edu/chapters for more information.

Fallon Alumni Chapter

Colleen (Austin) Palludan '74, wolfpackgirls@cccomm.net

The Fallon Alumni Chapter welcomes new leadership: Mark Venturacci, treasurer, and Brenda Boone '07 M.Ed., publicity chair. Colleen Palludan will continue in her role as chapter president.

We held two well-attended recruitment events for Churchill County High School students in late March. Don't forget to "like" our Facebook page (University of Nevada Alumni Association, Fallon Chapter) to hear about all of our upcoming events!

Native American Alumni Chapter

Stephanie Wyatt '12, swyatt1031@gmail.com

The Native American Alumni Chapter had a blast with the annual Miss University of Nevada, Reno American Indian Pageant and the University of Nevada, Reno Powwow March 14 and 15 on the Nevada campus.

Join us in celebrating and honoring our American Indian graduates May 3 at the Joe Crowley Student Union for a reception and recognition.

Annual memberships are \$15 per person. Lifetime chapter memberships are also available — \$300 for individuals or \$500 for a couple. Visit alumni.unr.edu/chapters for event details or to purchase a membership.

Nevada Bay Area Alumni Chapter

Jocelyn Weart '00, jocelynweart@gmail.com

The Nevada Bay Area Alumni Chapter is finally official! We are excited to welcome more than 10 new members and board executives to a growing membership and leadership team.

We wrapped up 2014 with multiple events, including football viewing parties and happy hours in San Francisco, the East Bay and South Bay. We also watched Wolf Pack football and basketball

play on the road at nearby San Jose State University.

Upcoming events include weekend brunches in the city, professional development classes, as well as networking and social events. Stay connected through our Facebook page and our website at nvbaac.com.

Nevada Cheer and Spirit Alumni Chapter

Elliot E. Sparkman '04, eesparkman@gmail.com

The Nevada Cheer and Spirit Alumni Chapter is excited to announce our first-ever scholarship fundraising drive. Our goal is to raise \$20,000 over the next three years, starting with \$5,000 by the end of the spring semester. We will award annual scholarships beginning this fall, and will continue raising funds to create a permanent endowment. Please consider making a donation to support our student athletes. You can donate through our website at alumni.unr.edu/chapters. If you'd like to be involved with scholarship fundraising, our professional mentorship program, or any of our upcoming events, please contact Elliot Sparkman. GO PACK!

Nevada Football Alumni Association

Matt Airoidi '95, tgtratsunami61@yahoo.com

Please join us for the spring intra-squad scrimmage at Mackay



TOP: The Seattle Alumni Chapter held their first board meeting Jan. 31 at Pyramid Brewing in Seattle. Front row, left to right: Mike Nakayama '02, Dylan Menes '98, Rebekah (Kreiger) Menes '03, Andrew Menes, Amanda Martin '12, Florinda Davis '99 M.D., Tony Woo '08. Back row, left to right: Justin Meckley '11, Mackenzie Meckley '13, Oscar Suarez-Saavedra '09, Jennifer Richards '09, Amanda Morrissey '06, '08 M.S. and Adam K. Allen '10. LEFT: The Southern Nevada Alumni Chapter cheered on the Wolf Pack to an 8-5 victory over the Rebels at Earl E. Wilson Stadium in Las Vegas March 8. RIGHT: There was just enough snow for the Southern Nevada Alumni Chapter's second annual Party at the Yurt at Las Vegas Ski and Snowboard Resort Feb. 8. Left to right: Lane Spina, Scott Fielden '88, '93 M.D., Dale Netski '89, '93 M.S., '97 Ph.D., Bryce Fielden, Sarah Newton '88, '92 M.D., Gino Gugino, Cynthia White, Jason Demuth '03 and Travis Bussey.

Stadium April 25. We're also looking forward to our upcoming poker tournament April 24. Check out our Facebook group for details and to stay in touch. GO PACK!

Orvis School of Nursing Alumni Association

Jan (Pritchard) Brady '63, '88 MBA, lvcrrswrds@aol.com

Our 18-member steering committee met in December to plan events and activities for 2015; it promises to be busy, fun and informative. We will continue to hold mock interviews for new Orvis graduates, and plans are afoot to repeat our successful Reno Aces vs. Nevada Wolf Pack baseball event. We will also celebrate our Golden Grads in May, and begin work on the 60th anniversary of Orvis School of Nursing celebration in 2017.

Our December 2014 OSNAA scholarship recipient was Ashley Saarem. Ashley will graduate from Orvis with her BSN in May, and we know she will be a terrific nurse as well as an active and valuable member of the community.

Check out our new Facebook page to stay connected!

Seattle Alumni Chapter

Jennifer Richards '09, msjennerrichards@gmail.com

The Seattle Alumni Chapter held our first official board meeting as a new alumni chapter Jan. 31 at Pyramid Brewing. We're

excited about upcoming events and growing the chapter. Stay in touch on Facebook!

School of Medicine Alumni Chapter

Scott Fielden '88, '93 M.D., sdfmd@aol.com

We'd like to congratulate chapter member Allison Netski '97, '01 M.D. on being named chair of the department of psychiatry for the University of Nevada School of Medicine. Allison is also division chief of psychiatry at University Medical Center of Southern Nevada.

We're very proud of the School of Medicine's Wellness and Weight Management Clinic's HMR services for being named No. 2 Best Weight-Loss Diet in *U.S. News and World Reports'* Best Diets of 2015.

Southern Nevada Alumni Chapter

Scott Fielden '88, '93 M.D., sdfmd@aol.com

The Southern Nevada Alumni Chapter had a great turnout in New Orleans to cheer on Wolf Pack football in the New Orleans Bowl. The Nevada vs. UNLV basketball pre-game party Jan. 7, held by the Nevada Alumni Association, attracted almost 150

people! We also hosted our second annual Party at the Yurt at Las Vegas Ski Resort Feb. 8. We are anxiously awaiting the annual baseball game between the Reno Aces and the Las Vegas 51s on May 1. Visit us on Facebook and tag your pictures #LVWOLFPACK to share!

The chapter presented Jason Demuth '03 with the inaugural Alumnus of the Quarter award. For the last several years, Jason and his girlfriend, Jennifer Mahr, have put in many hours of volunteer time helping plan alumni activities and assisting with the development of a formalized chapter. Thanks to the two of them for their hard work and tireless effort benefitting Nevada alumni living in Las Vegas!

University Study Abroad Consortium Alumni Chapter

Derreck Calkins, dcalkins@unr.edu

USAC is excited to welcome our newest alumni home from their studies around the world. Nearly 350 Nevada students studied abroad with USAC during the 2014-15 academic year. We are also excited to let our alumni and students know that we have two new programs to offer: Hawke's Bay, New Zealand, beginning this summer; and Stellenbosch, South Africa, beginning this fall. [N](#)

Gatherings



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Student Recruitment Reception

The Nevada Alumni Association, in partnership with the Office for Prospective Students, kicked off the first of ten student recruitment receptions Tuesday, March 10 at Arden Hills Country Club in Sacramento. More than 350 prospective students and their families attended the event to learn more about Nevada.

(1) *Scholar Recruitment and Admissions Manager Quentin Owens '13 M.Ed. speaks with prospective student Aleena Cruz and her parents.*

(2) *The 2015 Student Ambassador "traveling team" with Director of Admissions Steve Maples '96 M.A., '02 Ph.D. and Campus Visit Coordinator Lexi Erwin '07, '11 M.A.*

(3) *Reynolds School of Journalism Dean Al Stavitsky, Benjamin Miller '13 and Steve Martarano '79 speak with local high schooler Regine Alojado.*

(4) *Hannah Hoole plans to study business this fall.*

(5) *Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations John Carothers talks with Victoria Barnett and her parents.*

(6) *Vice President for Student Services Shannon Ellis chats with Alex Wilbanks and his mom.*

(7) *Student Ambassador Keyana Bunting speaks at Arden Hills.*

(8) *Director of Residential Life, Housing and Food Services Rod Aeschlimann reviews housing options with Hope Holliday and her mom.*

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Nevada at UNLV Basketball Tailgate

The Nevada Alumni Association hosted nearly 150 alumni and friends before cheering on the Pack to a 65-62 victory over the Rebels Jan. 7 at the Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas.

(1) Travis Brock, Regent Sam Lieberman, Michael Phillips '99, Rhett Beaman '97, J.M. Pohorsky '99, John Pohorsky '03, Paul Lewis, Eric Sanchez and Neil Huffey '97.

(2) Foundation Trustee Lisa M. Lyons '88, '97 M.D. and Jefferey Maloney.

(3) Foundation Trustee Senator Mark Lipparelli '87, '93 M.S. and Southern Nevada Alumni Chapter President Scott Fielden '88, '93 M.D.

(4) Vivienne Ross '56, John Tom Ross '51, Tom Ross and Jaymie Morris '82.

(5) University President Marc Johnson and Jason Demuth '03.

TEDxUniversityofNevada

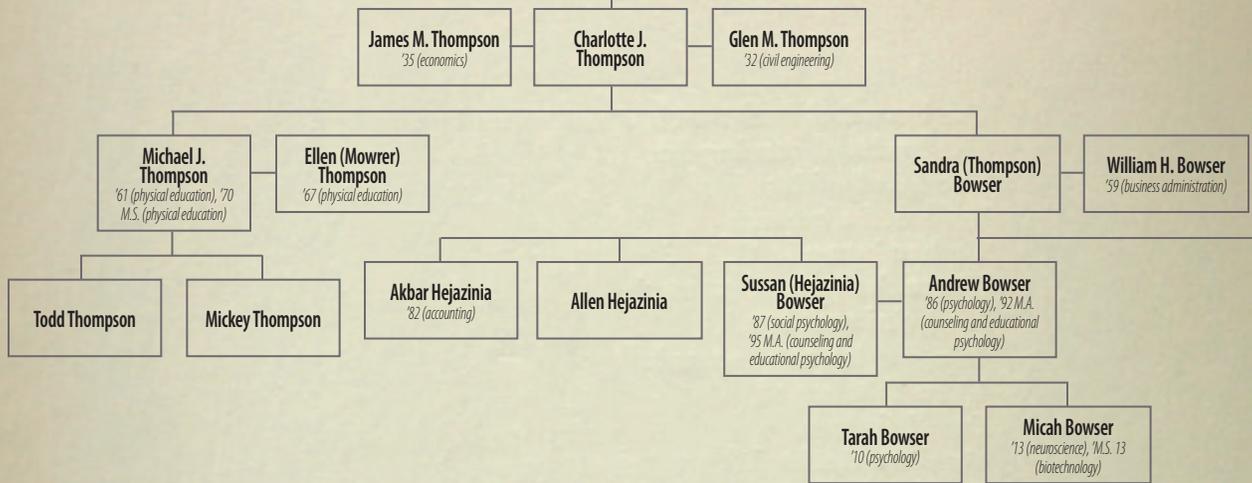
Twenty passionate speakers presented "ideas worth spreading" to a sold-out audience during TEDxUniversityofNevada Jan. 23.

(6) Juan Lopez '12 brought the audience to its feet with the story of his personal challenges with stuttering.

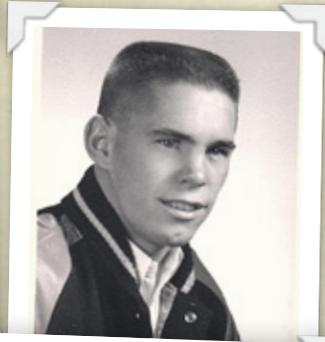
(7) President and Co-Owner of the Squeeze In restaurants Shila Morris '08 speaks about family business, small business marketing and leadership.

(8) CASAT Program Specialist Jo Harvey '12 shares her struggle with substance abuse.

Thompson / Bowser Family Tree



Matthew Bowser '92, Tarah Bowser '10, Grady Bowser '14, Professor of Social Work Jeanne Hilton, Susan Bowser, Sandy Bowser, Micah Bowser '13, '13 M.S., William H. Bowser '86, John Burke, Sussan Hejazinia-Bowser '87, '95 M.A. and Andrew Bowser '86, '92 M.A. BOTTOM RIGHT: Ellen Thompson '67 and her aunt, a faculty emeritus, Iona Mowrer '78.



1ST: Captain James M. Thompson '35 was killed in action June 16, 1944. He was the first of three generations of Nevada ROTC graduates. 2ND: Charlotte J. Thompson. 3RD: Glen M. Thompson '32. 4TH: Michael J. Thompson '61, '70 M.S. in his Nevada letterman jacket. He lettered in baseball and football. BOTTOM RIGHT: William H. Bowser '59 at a track meet when he set the Mackay Stadium record for the 200M low hurdles, 1957.

Nevada: Home sweet home

Home means *more* than Nevada to us. For four generations, Nevada has been our launching pad into adult life and careers. We carry the education from this institution with pride. While the nucleus of the family remains in Reno/Sparks, some of us have carried our education and service to points beyond our community through our great country. Over the years, we have gathered at Nevada for sports (football, basketball, baseball, soccer, volleyball, and track), special events, concerts and of course, graduations. While the newest generation is yet to enter this world, we can be sure that their veins will be filled with Nevada blue!

How many University of Nevada alumni make up your family tree? Let us know, and you could all be featured in an upcoming issue of *Nevada Silver & Blue*. For details, visit unr.edu/alumni or call 888.NV ALUMS.



Remembering Friends



Martha (Marty) Broadhead



Mark J. Magney



Thomas J. Trelease '47



Margaret "Peggy" Conner '55



Eldon T. Dobyans '61



Grant "Sandy" J. Weise '66



Christine A. Cullen '73, '78 M.Ed.



James R. Gandy '81



Kerri (Shines) Klacking '86



Kelly M. Reed '11

Friends

Martha (Marty) Broadhead

Dec. 11, 2014 — Reno, Nev.

Robert L. Driscoll

Jan. 3, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

Delos E. Flint

Nov. 12, 2014 — Reno, Nev.

Joseph George Jr.

Nov. 30, 2014 — Las Vegas, Nev.

Anthony Sperling

Jan. 6, 2015 — Sparks, Nev.

Jeffery Stayton

Oct. 31, 2014 — Las Vegas, Nev.

Nana Greeson Sullivan

Jan., 2015 — Reno, Nev.

Helen Yeast

Nov. 20, 2014 — Sahuarita, Ariz.

Faculty

Don Driggs

Dec. 16, 2014 — Chandler, Ariz.

Dorothy Ann (Russell) Fitzhugh

Dec. 26, 2014 — Gardnerville, Nev.

Shelba Gamble

Jan. 14, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

Naoma Marie Hainey

Jan. 8, 2015 — Puyallup, Wash.

Mark J. Magney

Dec. 19, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

Harold Sekiguchi

Dec. 11, 2014 — Reno, Nev.

Alumni

Elva (Robison) Eldridge,

attended 1938-1939
Nov. 14, 2015 — Ely, Nev.

Julia (Arobio) Denny '39

(history)
Jan. 16, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

Lewis G. Porteous '39

(mechanical engineering)
Jan. 6, 2015 — Napa, Calif.

Fraser E. West '40

(agriculture)
Jan. 2, 2015 — Lone, Calif.

Beulah "Boo" M. (Haddow) Hawkins '45

(English)
Dec. 24, 2014 — Reno, Nev.

Theodore Erich,

attended
1947-1948
Jan. 18, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

Thomas J. Trelease '47

(wildlife management)
Dec. 18, 2014 — Verdi, Nev.

George L.W. Clark '48

(business administration)
Dec. 2, 2014 — Reno, Nev.

William Harrigan '48

(mining engineering)
Dec. 8, 2014 — Reno, Nev.

Robert W. Carrick '49

(sociology)
Nov. 12, 2014 — Stone Mountain, Ga.

Betty J. (Brown) Snow '49

(business administration)
Dec. 21, 2014 — Reno, Nev.

Arthur M. English '50

(business administration)
Jan. 19, 2015 — Winnemucca, Nev.

John S. McCulloch '52

(pre-dental)
Nov. 16, 2014 — Reno, Nev.

Douglas A. Douglass '53

& science), '56 M.S. (chemistry)
Jan. 10, 2015 — Lincoln, Calif.

Jack I. McAuliffe '53

(history)
Jan. 4, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

Margaret "Peggy" (Jackson) Conner '55

(education)
Dec. 10, 2014 — Reno, Nev.

Michael G. Horan '59 M.A.

(school administration)
Dec. 31, 2014 — Reno, Nev.

Michael H. Lindeman,

attended 1959
Dec. 21, 2014 — Sparks, Nev.

Brian G. Richter '60

(civil engineering)
Dec. 2, 2014 — Pilot Hill, Calif.

Eldon T. Dobyans '61

(mechanical engineering)
Nov. 19, 2014 — Reno, Nev.

Elise "Toni" de Salvo,

attended
1964-1966
Jan. 1, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

Robert E. Lee '64

(political science)
Jan. 14, 2015 — Billings, Mo.

Shelby A. (Schwab) Waltz,

attended 1964-1972, 1977
Jan. 14, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

Russell M. Wilde '64

(soil science)
Dec. 17, 2014 — Carson City, Nev.

David B. Deming '65

(economics)
Nov. 27, 2014 — Reno, Nev.

Grant "Sandy" J. Weise

'66 (agricultural and resource economics)
Nov. 25, 2014 — Carson City, Nev.

Lura (Batjer) Caldwell '68

(English)
Dec. 17, 2014 — Reno, Nev.

Robert M. Reno '69

(engineering design technology)
Jan. 1, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

Joseph A. Elliott '70

(journalism)
Nov. 26, 2014 — Carson City, Nev.

Sally (Armstrong) Quade '70

(art), '84 M.A. (C&G Pers Serv)
Nov. 1, 2014 — Tucson, Ariz.

Geraldine J. Dyer,

attended
1971, 1972, 1977-1978
Jan. 21, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

Donald "Doc" J. Murray '71

(AG mechanics)
Nov. 11, 2014 — Reno, Nev.

Charlotte Heaphy '72

(pre-kindergarten education)
Jan., 2015 — Reno, Nev.

Joseph "Kirk" Miller '72

(art)
Dec. 17, 2014 — Reno, Nev.

Christine A. (Yates) Cullen

'73 (elementary education), '78 M.Ed. (elementary education)
Nov. 27, 2014 — Reno, Nev.

John V. Griffin '74 M.S.

(school administration)
Nov. 19, 2015 — Roseville, Calif.

Patricia (Ottley) Blanchard,

attended 1975-1993, 2002, 2004
Nov. 16, 2014 — Reno, Nev.

Mary Staples '80

(elementary education)
Jan. 23, 2015 — Sparks, Nev.

James R. Gandy '81

(journalism)
Oct. 15, 2014 — Minden, Nev.

Susan R. Luescher '82

(geology)
Jan. 13, 2015 — Anchorage, Ala.

Howard "Neal" Hutchison

'84 (chemical engineering)
Sept. 16, 2014 — Elk Grove, Calif.

Thomas Mathes '84

(geology)
Nov. 11, 2014 — Reno, Nev.

Kerri (Shines) Klacking '86

(geology)
Dec. 7, 2014 — Reno, Nev.

Dr. Raymond Tso '88

(biology)
Feb. 18, 2014 — Birmingham, Ala.

Susan May (Lansbery) Walker,

attended 1989-1992
Dec. 9, 2014 — Reno, Nev.

Landis L. Hanson '90

(clinical laboratory science)
Dec. 16, 2014 — Sparks, Nev.

Eric D. Shaver,

attended 1995-1996
Jan. 26, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

Patrick Pilling '97 Ph.D.

(civil engineering)
Dec. 7, 2014 — Reno, Nev.

Tara T. Eckert '98

(general studies)
Nov. 19, 2014 — Reno, Nev.

Lars E. Spurkland '99

(civil engineering), '01 M.S. (civil engineering)
Dec. 12, 2014 — Anchorage, Ala.

Mary L. Rinden '05

(social work), '06 MSW
Nov. 13, 2014 — Reno, Nev.

Kelly M. Reed '11

(social work)
Dec. 4, 2014 — Reno, Nev.

Haylee N. Ponte,

attended 2013-2014
Jan. 27, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

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Judith (Schmidt) Bible '65

(elementary education)

Jan. 26, 2015 — Reno, Nev.
Education proponent and philanthropist Judy Bible passed away January 26, 2015. The first in her family to graduate from college, Judy went on to teach at Peavine and Mamie Towles Elementary schools. Together with her husband, Paul Bible '62

(economics), Judy established the Judith S. Bible Teaching Excellence in Education Award and the Paul and Judy Bible University Teaching Excellence Award to recognize outstanding professors in the College of Education and throughout the University.



Photo by Theresa Dama-Douglas

Ann and Thomas Howell give back to the Department of Chemistry

Ann '63 (chemistry) and Thomas Howell '68 Ph.D. (chemistry) both received scholarship support as students at the University of Nevada, Reno. In gratitude for their education and the financial support that made their degrees possible, the Howells have included a trust gift in their estate to establish the Ann and Thomas Howell Memorial Chemistry Department Endowment and continue funding the Ann and Thomas Howell Annual Scholarship in Chemistry.

In the mid-1960s, Thomas obtained a NASA Fellowship to attend graduate school at the University. The Department of Chemistry was just beginning its Ph.D. program in chemistry, and Thomas had graduated from San Jose State University with a bachelor's in chemistry. He says Reno was just far enough from the Bay Area to be "away" from home, but still close enough to visit during holidays and breaks.

"I want to give back to the University for the help I received via the NASA Fellowship, which took care of most of my living expenses and al-

lowed me to concentrate on my degree without the distraction of working outside the lab, and for preparing me for a career as a research chemist and ultimately doing patent work in the chemical and gaming disciplines," Thomas says.

Ann, a sixth-generation Nevadan, received scholarships for three of her undergraduate years at the University which, along with a part-time job on campus, helped support her.

"I worked as a teaching assistant and graded papers in the chemistry department, and as a graduate student, I again taught labs to pay my way," she says. "Things are different now, and I would like to help today's students receive an education without having a lot of debt looming over them. I was very impressed by the two students I met who are being helped by our scholarship and am delighted to contribute to their success."

The trust gift, once realized, will establish the couple's endowment to benefit the Department of Chemistry. The gift will also continue to fund the Ann and Thomas Howell Annual Scholar-

Nevada student William Wulfange is one of three Howell scholarship recipients for 2014.

ship in Chemistry for juniors or senior undergraduate students in the College of Science.

"We both recognize the importance of training more scientists for the state and the nation," Ann says.

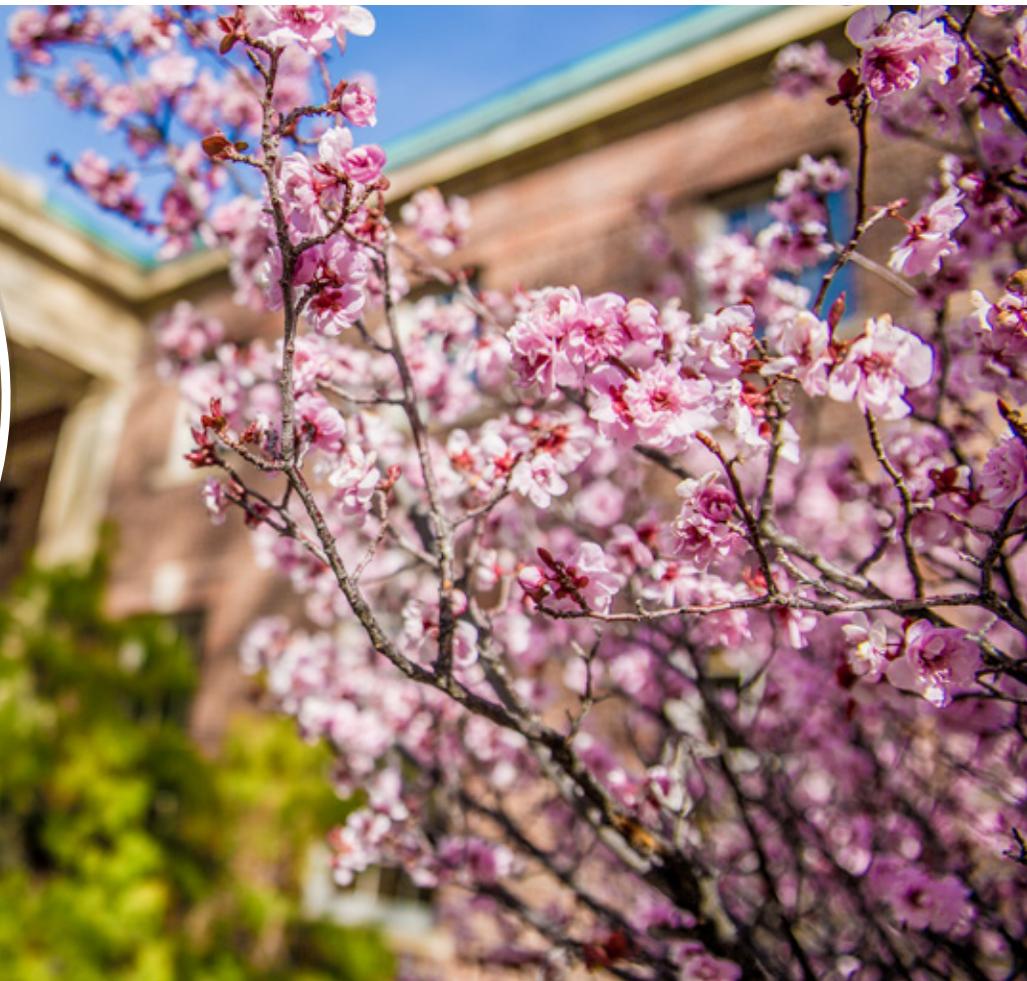
Thomas is retired from the Rohm and Haas Company, a manufacturer of specialty chemicals for end-use markets, including building and construction, electronic devices, packaging, household and personal care products.

Senior William Wulfange, one of three students to receive the Ann and Thomas Howell Annual Scholarship in Chemistry, in 2014, says the generosity of donors like the Howells has allowed him to focus more on academics.

"It's such a selfless act and I feel really lucky," Wulfange says. "It's awesome people donate to causes like this. It's kind of like they're passing the torch to students so we can keep doing good work."

—Roseann Keegan

To learn more about planned giving opportunities at Nevada, please contact Lisa Riley, Esq., director of the Office of Planned Giving, (775) 682-6017 or lriley@unr.edu. To learn more about supporting the College of Science, please contact Donna Knotek, associate director of development, (775) 682-5952 or dknotek@unr.edu.



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